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180 pilgrims killed in plane crash

COLOMBO, Nov. 17 (Agencies) — A DC-8 carrying pilgrims was flying too low when it crashed Wednesday night on the approach to Sri Lanka's main airport, killing more than 180 people, a government spokesman said Friday.

Defense Ministry official G.V.P. Samarasinghe told a press conference that air traffic controllers had asked the Icelandic Airways chartered plane to fly at 650 feet when it came within two miles of the airport.

They had been guiding the plane through bad weather. When they noticed the plane was flying too low, they gave a warning, but soon afterwards they heard an explosion and they knew it had crashed, Samarasinghe said.

The plane, carrying 249 Indonesian pilgrims home from Mecca, came down in a coconut plantation 22 miles north of Colombo.

Officials revised their earlier death toll of 202 to 183 dead, including 27 missing and believed buried under the wreckage.

Samarasinghe said there was heavy rain at the time, but essential instruments at the airport had been functioning well.

There was good visibility for about four miles.

Four other planes had taken off and landed immediately before the crash, he said.

Floodlights were not working at the time, but another plane had landed earlier in worse weather conditions at the other end of the airport, he said.

Colombo's deputy inspector general of police, A.C. Lawrence, said four of the 13 crew and 75 passengers had survived.

The remains of the victims would be taken back to Jakarta by two Indonesian Air Force planes which arrived in Sri Lanka Friday, he said.

Special prayers have been offered in mosques on the island and a service was held at Katunayake Airport, where the dead were being kept.

Samarasinghe announced that President Juvana Jayawardene had appointed former Chief Justice Victor Tenekoon to conduct an inquiry into the disaster.

He said the Indonesian and Sri Lankan governments, Icelandic Airways, McDonnell, (Continued on back page)



AIRPORT STATEMENT: U.S. Treasury Secretary W. Michael Blumenthal, with Saudi Finance Minister Sheikh Muhammad Abu Al-Khalil, talking to reporters on his arrival here Friday evening.

Blumenthal to brief officials on U.S. steps to bolster dollar

By Jim Landers
JEDDAH, Nov. 17 — U.S. Treasury Secretary W. Michael Blumenthal said on arriving here Friday night that he would explain "in considerable detail" steps taken earlier this month by the American government to stabilize the value of the U.S. dollar.

Blumenthal, who is here to attend Saturday's fourth annual meeting of the Saudi Arabian-United States Joint Com-

mission on Economic Cooperation, was met at the airport by Minister of Finance and National Economy Sheikh Muhammad Abu Al-Khalil, Undersecretary Mansour Al Turki and other dignitaries. Blumenthal and Sheikh Muhammad are co-chairmen of the commission.

In a brief arrival statement, Blumenthal said President Carter's decision to borrow up to \$30 billion for shoring up

the dollar's value on international exchange markets along with other fiscal measures "seem to be working well and seem to have been well received in other countries."

"I am gratified to see what the impact has been on the international exchange markets," Blumenthal said. The dollar has rebounded since Carter's Nov. 1 monetary actions from an exchange rate of (Continued on back page)

Iranians observe army day



PROTEST: Police use high pressure water jets on Iranian students protesting in the Manila suburb of Kalanti Friday against the Shah and the alleged U.S. intervention in their country. (Wirephoto)

TEHRAN, Nov. 17 (Agencies) — The Iranian armed forces mounted a sign of strength in the streets of Tehran Friday to mark their 57th anniversary and vowed to restore peace and security throughout the country.

The Shah meanwhile broke tradition and remained at his palace during the parade.

Trucks carrying hundreds of soldiers rumbled slowly through the quiet capital and F-4 jet fighters flew low over the city, followed by a formation of 60 helicopters.

The troops criss-crossed the city on nine different routes, but received little notice from the few people on the streets on the Muslim holiday, Friday.

The trucks occasionally stopped to receive garlands from small and well-organized crowds of supporters.

The hastily-arranged parade was given little advance publicity and the formations of fighters and helicopters were the first indication for some of the people that anything out of the ordinary was in progress.

Although the military demonstration was low-key, the army made clear in a statement that it would not hesitate to use its force to quell disorder.

The Shah appointed a military government to run the country when the civilian government was toppled on Nov. 5 after a wave of rioting and violence.

In a statement, acting chief of staff, Gen. Hushani Hatam, said Friday the army "will fulfill its task with strength" and pledged to preserve the constitution, the monarch and stability throughout the country.

Making a comparison with the present situation, Gen. Hatam said that before the

Shah's father formed the Iranian army in 1921, anarchy, riots and lack of security as well as foreign interference and financial problems had engulfed the country.

But the present Shah followed the same policy as his father in recognizing that a strong army was needed to achieve peace, security and less foreign influence in the country's affairs.

The statement came against a background of continued but reduced tension in the provinces and reports that the Shah is trying to reach some sort of accommodation with moderate opposition forces.

It made clear that the army sees itself as the only force capable of preserving peace and stability.

Friday's emphasis on the military role in the country's crisis followed an announcement that the military premier, Gen. Gholamreza Azhari, had appointed eight new civilian ministers.

The appointments left the government with more civilian members than military ones.

In another development about 100 Iranian students were arrested in Manila Friday when police broke up a noisy demonstration against the Shah in the capital's commercial district.

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Egypt favors Gaza self-rule prior to West Bank elections

CAIRO, Nov. 17 (R) — Egypt agreed to a U.S. proposal for elections on the Jordan West Bank within one year of signing a peace treaty with Israel but wants the period reduced to six months for the Gaza Strip, its chief negotiator implied in an interview published here Friday.

Defense Minister Lt. Gen. Kamal Hassan Ali told the semi-official "Al-Ahram": "It is not true that the Egyptian position is a departure from the American proposal that self-rule be established on the West Bank and Gaza one year after signing a peace treaty."

"The truth is that the Israelis have rejected the American proposal during a meeting held between (Israeli Premier) Menachem Begin and U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance in New York."

Begin had a meeting with Vance in New York last Sunday on his way home from a visit to Canada.

Gen. Ali said: "The correct position is that Egypt has proposed a specific timetable for the beginning of the talks on the West Bank and Gaza one month after signing the treaty provided elections be held within six months permitting the establishment of self-rule in Gaza first and then on the West Bank within (another) six months."

All also denied foreign press reports that Egypt had hardened its position following the Arab summit in Baghdad earlier this month.

He said Egypt had since the start of the negotiations in Washington stressed in the clear instructions of President Anwar Sadat the need to link any peace treaty with progress on the West Bank and Gaza.

It had also proposed from the start that "the practical steps of establishing self-governing councils in Gaza must precede those on the West Bank because of Egypt's political and legal responsibility over Gaza."

Egypt administered the territory until it was occupied by Israel in the 1967 war.

He said suggestions that this

proposal was a retreat by Egypt so far as the West Bank was concerned were "completely wrong."

"Egypt has already invited King Hussein to shoulder his responsibility over the West Bank and pledged to negotiate it for him if he failed to assume his responsibilities," he said.

At a closed meeting of his National Democratic Party on Tuesday in the Suez Canal city of Ismailia Sadat was reported to have said Egypt's minimum demand was that the "return of Gaza" be linked to a peace treaty.

Vice-President Hosni Mubarak, now in Washington for talks with President Carter, made a similar statement before leaving Cairo.

Foreign ministry sources subsequently explained the statements meant Egypt wanted a minimum demand a clear timetable for Gaza as well as a clear definition of the future of the West Bank.

Begin said in Jerusalem Monday that a timetable could not be fixed in advance for either Gaza or the West Bank.

"But," he added, "we are reported to start a very short time after signing a peace treaty with Egypt on discussions about the autonomy plan (for Gaza and West Bank)."

Meanwhile in Tel Aviv, Defense Minister Ezer Weizman claimed Friday that Egyptian insistence on linking a peace treaty with the Palestinian issue was blocking the successful conclusion of the stalled negotiations.

Weizman, who together with Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, heads the Israeli delegation at the talks, was summoned home Thursday to brief the cabinet Sunday on Egypt's latest proposals.

The proposals were brought to Washington by Mubarak who conferred Thursday with President Carter and Weizman.

"Following my meeting with Vice President Mubarak, I am more convinced than ever that there are problems but that

Egypt wishes to continue the negotiations and find ways to overcome these problems," the Israeli minister told reporters at Ben Gurion Airport.

"I personally feel it possible to solve our differences, but the final answer will be given to the cabinet on Sunday," he added.

In reply to a question, Weizman said: "The main problem is well known. Egypt insists on linking the bilateral peace treaty with us and the future of Samaria and Judea (West Bank of Jordan) and Gaza Strip."

He said that Egypt had no territorial claims on the Gaza Strip, which it ruled until its occupation by Israel.

He declined to discuss details of the differences between Israel and Egypt on the linkage problem that has stalled the Washington negotiations.

Asked to comment on the various new proposals made by Egypt during the past two weeks — and sharply criticized by Israeli leaders as deviating from the original Camp David agreements — Weizman said: "There have been new demands and some change in the Egyptian position but I believe they were legitimate. Israel also made some changes in its views."

"I am not trying to play (Continued on back page)

In communiqué

U.S., Morocco attack intervention in Africa

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17 (R) — President Carter and King Hassan II of Morocco Friday condemned foreign intervention in Africa and the arms race they said was taking place there.

U.S. officials said their views, expressed in a joint statement following King Hassan's visit to Washington this week, was directed at Cuban and Soviet military activities in Africa.

Both the president and King Hassan have been seriously concerned for some time by Cuban and Soviet intervention in Africa, including direct military support for Ethiopia in the recent war with Somalia over the Ogaden region.

The statement disclosed agreement on steps to strengthen scientific, trade and cultural cooperation between Morocco and the United States but made no mention of King Hassan's calls for more American military aid.

The United States provided Morocco with \$43 million in military assistance in the 1978 financial year beginning in October, 1977.

But it had held up a request for armed reconnais-

sance aircraft and helicopters worth \$100 million because they could be used in Morocco's conflict with Polisario guerrillas seeking independence in the Western Sahara, a former Spanish colony.

Carter expressed his appreciation in the joint statement for King Hassan's efforts to end tensions over the Western Sahara, which was divided by Morocco and Mauritania when Spain withdrew in 1975.

The Polisario guerrillas are based in Algeria and are believed to be armed chiefly with weapons supplied by East European countries.

U.S. officials said President Carter's expression of satisfaction referred to efforts of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), backed by Morocco, to resolve the Sahara problem.

Carter and King Hassan agreed that the OAU was the most appropriate framework for resolving problems in Africa.

The joint statement said King Hassan told President Carter that the Palestinian issue remained the fundamental problem blocking peace in the Middle East.

King Hassan told Carter that Morocco's position on the Middle East was based on decisions made at the Arab summit meeting in Rabat in 1974. The main decision was that the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) was the sole representative of the Palestinian people.

The king, who returned to Morocco Thursday after a two-day state visit to the United States, is a moderate leader who played a key role in arranging contacts that led to Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's visit to Jerusalem a year ago.

The joint statement announced that the United States and Morocco would cooperate in exploiting shale oil, of which the North African country has vast reserves, and developing solar energy.

It said a U.S. mission would visit Rabat soon to develop trade with and investments in Morocco and both countries would exchange academic leaders to improve educational cooperation.

It also said a nuclear cooperation agreement was expected to be signed soon, enabling the United States to construct a nuclear research reactor for Morocco under international safeguards.

Supports Sadat initiative

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Sniper fire injures 6 persons in Beirut

BEIRUT, Nov. 17 (R) — Lebanese rightists said Friday six persons were injured when eastern districts of Beirut came under sniper fire and shelling.

The Phalangist radio, which carried the report, did not say who was responsible, but earlier this week it accused Syrian troops of the Arab Deterrence Force (ADF) of firing on eastern areas in an attempt to foil a pending new government peacekeeping plan.

The ADF countered by charging that rightists were stepping up tension to drive Syrian troops out of all eastern districts of the city.

Shells Friday also hit the city center unexpectedly, the station said without mentioning casualties.

Large-scale artillery and ground battles between the

rightists and Syrians ended after a ceasefire on Oct. 7 but there have been frequent violations along the line dividing east Beirut from the western part of the capital.

Saudi Arabia's ambassador to Lebanon, Sheikh Ali Al-Shaar, Friday briefed President Elias Sarkis on his contacts with security officials and political figures and efforts to stop the escalation.

Gen. Shaer said his country was eager to see the implementation of resolutions of the Beirut conference for restoring normal conditions in Lebanon.

The conference of Arab foreign ministers, held in Beirut, adopted recommendations for strengthening the authority of the Lebanese government, rebuilding the army and disarming the country's powerful militias.

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Kingdom gives UNRWA \$5 million

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 17 (R)—Saudi Arabia has contributed \$5 million to the U.N. for aid to Palestine refugees, it was announced Thursday.

The cheque for the U.N. Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) was delivered to Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim by the Saudi representative, Jamil Baroudy.

Waldheim had appealed for help for the agency, which was faced with cutting back services to the refugees for lack of funds.

OIC to aid quake victims
Dr. Amadou-Karim Gaye, the secretary-general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) conferred Thursday in Jeddah with the Philippines ambassador to Saudi Arabia on a report on the use of a \$1 million OIC donation to assist Muslim earthquake victims in the southern Philippines by rebuilding houses and mosques.

Gaye also conferred with the Jordanian Minister of endowments, shrines and Islamic affairs, Kamel Al-Sharif on the occupied Arab territories and the Muslim world.

Taiwan to send medical staff

JEDDAH, Nov. 17 — The Republic of China's National Health Administration (NHA) is to set up a committee to pursue a program for Sino-Saudi medical cooperation, which will include the despatch of 200 to 300 medics to Saudi Arabia, the Central News Agency has reported.

The NHA has requested the Taiwanese Ministry of National Defense, the Taipei city government, the Taiwan provincial government, the Taiwan University Hospital and the Veterans General Hospital to prepare lists of applicants, who will receive housing and salaries from the Saudi government.



AMUSED: A young girl laughs on the Moon Walk at an amusement park in Jeddah over the weekend.

Mainly in south

Ministry plans to construct 40 dams

JEDDAH, Nov. 17 — The Ministry of Agriculture and Water intends to construct 40 dams to build rainwater for irrigation, "Al-Riyadh" reported Thursday.

A number of the dams will be included in next year's budget, the ministry told "Al-Riyadh". The ministry has already carried out a survey of regional needs.

Most of the dams will be constructed in the south, which is dependent on rainwater for irrigation.

Subsoil
Deep reservoirs of subsoil water exist in different parts of the Kingdom, according to reports submitted by consultancy

Kuwait minister arrives for talks

JEDDAH, Nov. 17 (SPA) — Kuwaiti Finance Minister Sheikh Abdul Rahman Al-Attiqi arrived here Wednesday evening to attend meetings of the Federation of Islamic Banks. He was met on arrival by Prince Muhammad Al-Faisal.

companies to the ministry, the paper added.
The companies have confirmed that this water could be exploited for irrigation by digging artesian wells and laying a network of canals.

Lebanon sent 7,000 pilgrims despite crisis

BEIRUT, Nov. 17 (SPA) — Despite the crisis in Lebanon, some seven thousand Lebanese Muslims performed the pilgrimage this year, Dr. Omar Mess'ka, secretary-general of the Lebanese cabinet, said Thursday.

Mess'ka, who led his country's mission, said he was highly honored by his audience with Crown Prince Fahd.

The Crown Prince reassured him of his deep interest in peace, security and reconciliation in Lebanon.

He thanked Saudi Arabia for its efforts to ensure the comfort of all pilgrims.

According to the ministry, agricultural projects are planned to exploit soil fertility. The ministry will drill wells, dig canals and reclaim land for farmers, besides granting subsidies. Foreign investment is welcomed, the ministry added.

The first two projects will be in Wadi Dawasir, and the north-eastern part of the Kingdom.

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Vast estates zoned to site new industry

JEDDAH, Nov. 17 — The Ministry of Industry and Electricity is proceeding with projects for large new industrial estates in Riyadh, Jeddah and Dammam to add to the existing estates in these towns.

The Riyadh site will be 21 million square meters, Jeddah 10 million and Dammam 21 million. The present estates are 560,000 square meters, 800,000 and 1.2 million "Okaz" newspaper reported Friday.

Other estates have been created in Qasim (1.5 million square meters), Mecca (760,000 square meters) and Hofuf (1.5 million square meters).

Studies are under way for estates in Medina, Kharj and Khamis Mushair in order to spread industrial development evenly through the country.

Benefits
The estates are provided with workshops, banking facilities and other utilities. Businessmen are granted plots at token rents.

Such state agencies as the Industrial Development Fund grant loans, free of interest, to set up plants and factories.

Other benefits to businessmen include protective measures and duty-free import of raw materials, equipment and spare parts.

Feasible

The Industrial Research and Development Center has completed a study "on possible Saudi investment and markets for construction materials."

It recommended feasibility studies for the manufacture of cement tiles, mosaic, marble, aluminium doors and windows, granite, steel sections, gypsum,

porcelain, bath tubs and glass.

A feasibility study undertaken by the center has shown that there is sufficient domestic demand for liquid detergents.

The study, conducted at the request of a private investor, estimated the cost of establishing a liquid detergent plant

producing 1,825 tons a year at SR 5.6 million.

Fahd receives Iraqi message

JEDDAH, Nov. 17 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd has received a message from Iraqi Vice-President Saddam Hussein, delivered Wednesday evening by Fawzan Hussein, Iraqi special envoy.

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Israel claims U.N. 'rewriting history'

UNITED NATION, Nov. 17 (AP)—A study released Thursday describing Palestinian "national self-determination" as essential to Middle East peace brought a complaint from Israeli Ambassador Yehuda Blum that the United Nations was "obstructing" peace negotiations by "rewriting history" for political purposes.

"The Origins and Evolution of the Palestine Problem, Part I: 1917-1947," said in its foreword that it was prepared by the special unit on Palestinian rights with guidance from the U.N. Committee on Palestinian Rights to stress "the national identity and rights of the Palestinian people."

The committee, set up by General Assembly in 1975, and the unit, created in 1977, are outgrowths of a pro-Palestinian trend in the assembly's majority that began with the visit by Chairman Yasser Arafat of the Palestine Liberation Organization here in 1974.

Hundreds of thousands of Palestinian Arabs fled from Palestine in the Arab-Israeli war that followed the creation of Israel there in 1948.

Only a few thousand have been allowed back in. With U.N. backing, the PLO is pushing for a Palestinian state on land now under Israeli occupation. The Palestinian issue is slowing Egyptian-Israeli peace talks in Washington.

The introduction to the U.N. study said the Palestine problem had "widened" into the Middle East dispute and that "wars and destruction, forcing millions of Palestinians into exile" since 1948 had prompted continuing U.N. efforts to deal with "a major source of danger for world peace."

"Recognition is spreading," the introduction concluded, "that the Palestinian people must be assured their inherent inalienable rights of national self-determination for peace to be restored."

Blum, in a letter to Waldheim, registered Israel's "strong objection" to the publication. He claimed U.N. machinery was being used to disseminate "highly selective and tendentious information" through what purported to be a scholarly study.

"The practice of writing and rewriting history according to the transient interests of a political body is of course characteristic of certain regimes," Blum alleged. "It is regrettable that the United Nations has now been drawn into that pattern."

17% price rise predicted in Lebanon by year-end

BEIRUT, Nov. 17 (AP)—Prices in Lebanon will have risen 17 to 20 per cent by the end of 1978 over last year, or more than 90 per cent over the past five years, according to a labor union study here.

The study, prepared by the

U.S. warplane crashes into Mediterranean

NICOSIA, Nov. 17 (AP)—A U.S. Air Force Phantom-4 warplane based in Turkey crashed into the sea northeast of Cyprus, a spokesman for the British air base at Akrotiri reported Friday.

The spokesman said a rescue helicopter from the base was dispatched to the scene to pickup "two unknown survivors" floating in a rubber life boat.

The scene of the accident was put at 40 miles northeast of Cape Andreas, on the tip of the Cyprus peninsula in the Turkish-controlled northern part of the island.

Sheikh Zayed donates \$1.5m to Baluchistan

QUETTA, Afghanistan, Nov. 17 (R)—The president of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan al-Nahayan, has said he would give \$1.5 million to repair and reconstruct roads in the northwest Pakistan province of Baluchistan.

Sheikh Zayed, ruler of Abu Dhabi, announced the grant after arriving in Khuzdar in Baluchistan, which borders Iran and Afghanistan.

Sheikh Zayed arrived in Karachi last Tuesday for a private visit.

National Federation of Workers and employees, based its year-end inflation prediction on a 12.1 per cent increase in prices during the third quarter of this year over the similar period in 1977.

The highest jumps were in rents 17.6 per cent, clothing 31.2, medical fees 37, and school tuition 9. Food prices remained relatively stable by the end of September, rising only 2.5 per cent over the previous third quarter, but fruit prices jumped 18 per cent.

The Lebanese government has urged retailers, landlords and service managers to hold down prices but it does not have the machinery to enforce reductions.

Periodic hostilities throughout most of this year have interrupted both production and imports, most notably the closure of the Beirut port during the July-September fighting between Syrian troops and rightwing Lebanese militias.

The consumer has absorbed most of the additional costs of delayed and diverted shipments.

Turkey emphasizes role of NATO in economic aid

ANKARA, Nov. 17 (Agencies)—Turkish Premier Bulent Ecevit Friday urged more emphasis on NATO's commitment to mutual economic support and said it was not supposed to be "a mere military alliance".

Ecevit, whose government wants help from its allies in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in overcoming immense economic problems, was speaking at the start of a meeting with NATO Secretary-General Joseph Luns.

The Turkish leader said NATO symbolized the bonding of nations attached to the democratic ideology.

Also the alliance treaty "embodies articles which commit the member countries to help each other when there is need, economically," he said.

"But unfortunately in the years past, these two important characteristics of NATO were not sufficiently stressed. Yet particularly during the period of détente, it was absolutely necessary that the non-military aspects of NATO should also be given greater prominence."

Ecevit said Luns "has wisely grasped this necessity and particularly in recent years has been putting great stress in a realistic way on the economic obligations of NATO members towards each other...."

Luns, who arrived here on Wednesday for a five-day visit, described Turkey as "a great and important country whose importance has become greater and greater because of events outside Turkey."

He said Ecevit's analysis of the alliance and its task was "exactly right," and said he would be presenting a reply and recommendations on Turkey's needs to the NATO council when he returns to Brussels next week.

He said he wanted to discuss with Ecevit "the problems which are yours but which are also ours and the problems of the alliance."

Luns met Chief of Staff Gen. Kenan Evren earlier Friday, and had talks Thursday with



Bulent Ecevit

Foreign Minister Gunduz Okcu and Defense Minister Hasan Esat Isik.

He is due to leave Turkey on Sunday.

In another development riot police and machine-gun wielding troops were deployed around the Soviet consulate in Istanbul Friday after Maoist youths ransacked the display windows of the consulate to protest the visit of two Soviet warships to this NATO country.

The visit by the 5,800-ton cruiser "Dzerzhinsky" and the 19,300-ton destroyer "Rezhitleny" is the first of its kind to visit Turkey since 1938. The guided-missile carrying vessels will leave Istanbul Monday.

The new-founded Turkish Workers Peasants Party termed the Russian naval call "an extension of the Kremlin's imperialistic and hegemonistic ambitions in the Mediterranean."

The statement urged residents to gather around an open lot in the Besiktas district, on the European side of the Bosphorus, Sunday for a protest rally.

Meanwhile, officials said 1,370 officers and sailors of the ships will tour the city's historic and scenic sites on bus tours rather than individually to prevent assaults.

French firm, AOI sign pact

PARIS, Nov. 17 (AP)—The French aero engine concern Snecma has announced it had signed a basic agreement for the Egyptian-based Arab Organization for Industrialization (AOI) to start production of jet aircraft engines.

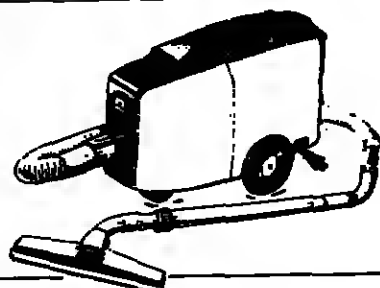
The AOI, created to lessen Arab dependence on imported arms, will manufacture Snecma's Larzac engine which powers the Franco-German Alpha-Jet tactical support and training plane.

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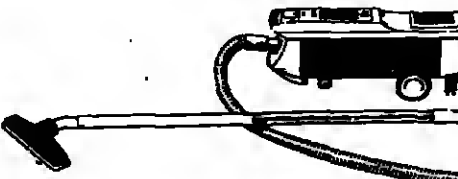
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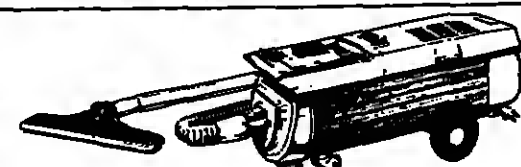
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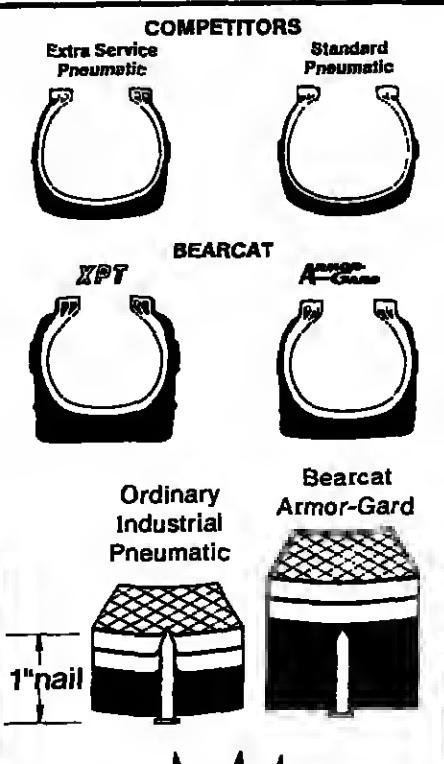
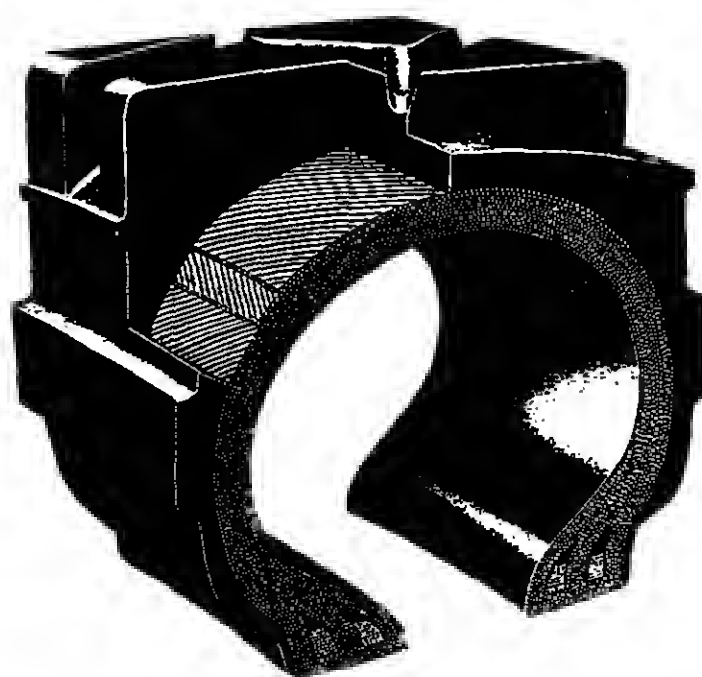


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Lawyer weeps at closing argument

Jury retires in CIA clerk's trial

HAMMOND, Indiana, Nov. 17 (R) — A defense lawyer burst into tears Thursday as he appealed to a jury to acquit a former central CIA clerk accused of selling the secrets of America's spy satellite to a Soviet agent.

Lawyer Michael Monico wept and told the jury he was crying out for justice for 23-year-old William Kampiles.

He said Kampiles, who could face life imprisonment if convicted, had the misguided notion to try to serve his country by playing the Russians along as a double agent for the CIA.

"Now he ends up being called a traitor," Monico said in an emotional closing speech on the eighth day of the trial.

"This is a nightmare," he told the jury of eight women and four men in a packed court-

room "This makes you want to scream, this makes you want to cry out for justice."

The prosecution alleged that Kampiles stole a top secret technical manual on America's "Big Bird" photo-reconnaissance satellite while working at CIA headquarters between March and November last year.

Three prosecution witnesses have said Kampiles confessed to selling the manual to a Soviet military attaché for \$3,000 when he went to Athens on a holiday last February.

Monico contended the FBI coerced his client into making a false confession by threatening to arrest his widowed Greek mother. She had banked the \$3,000 in a joint account in Chicago.

Kampiles, when he gave evidence, said he offered to sell military secrets to the Russians although he had not have access to classified information after leaving the CIA. He told this to CIA officials on returning to the United States.

But Kampiles denied he took the manual or any other secret document from the CIA and insisted he gave the Russians nothing for their \$3,000.

The "Big Bird" satellite monitors Soviet troop movements and missile sites.

Merle Oberon reported well after surgery

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 17 (R) — Australian-born Actress Merle Oberon, 63, is doing very well after a heart operation, a hospital spokesman said Friday.

Miss Oberon, married to 41-year-old actor Rob Wolcott, entered Cedars-Sinai Hospital here three days ago and had an operation for a coronary-bypass and replacement of the aortic valve.

She has not been allowed visitors since the operation.



ROYAL'S GALLERY: Models of King Edward VII and Mrs. Wallace Simpson were lined up with the actors portraying them in the British television series, "Edward and Mrs. Simpson".

At London beauty contest

Argentina wins second world crown

LONDON, Nov. 17 (AP) — Miss Argentina, Silvana Suarez, was crowned Miss World 1978 at London's Albert Hall Thursday night.

Runner-up was Miss Sweden, Ossi Carlsson.

Third was Miss Australia, Denise Coward.

Miss Mexico, Martha Griz Ganez, was fourth and Miss Spain, Gloria Valenciano, was fifth.

The new Miss World burst into tears, the winner's traditional reaction, when she heard the announcement that she had been chosen from among the seven finalists. A total of 68 had entered the annual contest.

Miss Suarez, who speaks no English, was crowned by the retiring Miss World 1977, Mary Stavin of Sweden.

She is a third-year university student in Argentina, majoring in architecture, but like many other contestants she said her real ambition is to be a movie star.

Her hobbies include yoga and classical dancing, and she directs a choir at home. In addition to her native Span-

ish she speaks Portuguese and French.

London's bookies had made her a 25-to-1 long shot to win the title, which guarantees her 20,000 pounds (\$40,000)—5,000 pounds in cash and the remainder in a work contract for the next year.

Miss Sweden received 2,000 pounds (\$4,000) as runner-up, and Miss Australia 1,000 pounds (\$2,000) with smaller prizes for the other finalists.

Watched by an estimated world television audience of 500 million, French singer Sacha Distel was master of ceremonies, he ran into trouble with his rusty Spanish when interviewing Miss Argentina.

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Argentina won the contest only once before in its 27-year history—in 1960.

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\$1m U.S. defense fraud charged in federal court

SAN DIEGO, Nov. 17 (AP) — A defense contractor and four current or former government employees were indicted Thursday by a federal grand jury on charges of defrauding the navy of more than \$1 million with contracts from the top-secret Naval Ocean Systems Center.

Assistant attorney Herbert Hoffman said the 23-count indictment involves 10 false contracts signed between 1972 and 1975 with the San Diego-based Ocean Market Consultants, Inc. Indicted were John Kenney, 51, former president and majority stockholder of the firm, William Parker, 38, a supervisory electronics engineer at

the center from 1970-77, and formerly employed in Washington, D.C. by the Naval Intelligence Command.

All are charged with conspiracy to defraud the government, presenting false claims and paying and receiving bribes. Kenney also is charged with three counts of federal income tax evasion for allegedly failing to report a total of \$119,800 in income for the year 1973 to 1975.

Hoffman said Kenney allegedly paid cash and check bribes to the four men to approve 10 contracts for "think tank" or mechanical research work at the center, then known as the Navy Electronics Laboratory Center.

Manson denied parole despite 3-hour appeal

VACAVILLE, California, Nov. 17 (AP) — Charles Manson failed to win parole after staging a dramatic three-hour monologue denying his guilt in the Sharon Tate murders, but admitting: "I don't belong in society. There's no place in society that I fit."

Manson, speaking out for the first time since his conviction in the Tate-Labianca murders, alternately stood and sat, flailed his arms and even sang a song in trying to show he was wrongly convicted. "I didn't kill nobody and I didn't order nobody to be killed," the 44-year-old Manson said.

He told the three members of the community parole board that if he wanted to kill someone, he would never have entrusted the job to his rag-tag hippie "family."

Leaning across the table, his face level with theirs, he said: "If I wanted anyone killed I'd kill them myself. But I don't."

Bad checks hit \$3b per annum in Philippines

MANILA, Nov. 17 (R) — Bad checks totalling over \$3 billion change hands in the Philippines every year, Solicitor-General Estelito Mendoza has reported.

He told a conference on credit that the figure was equivalent to about 14 per cent of the country's gross national product.

U.S. spy planes study Cuba for nuclear weapons

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17 (R) — The United States has resumed flights over Cuba by SR-71 supersonic reconnaissance planes to try to find out if recently delivered Soviet MiG-23 fighters are capable of carrying nuclear weapons, government sources said Thursday night.

If the MiG-23s are discovered to have nuclear capability, the question would arise whether the Soviet Union has violated a 1962 understanding with the United States after the Cuban missile crisis that prohibited nuclear weapons from the island.

The MiG-23 fighters, first introduced in the Soviet Union in 1967, have been built in air combat and ground attack versions. The latter could be modified to carry nuclear arms.

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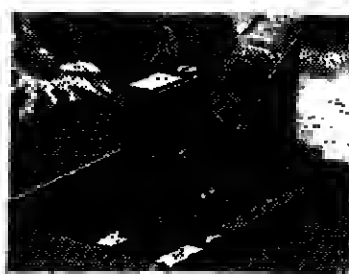
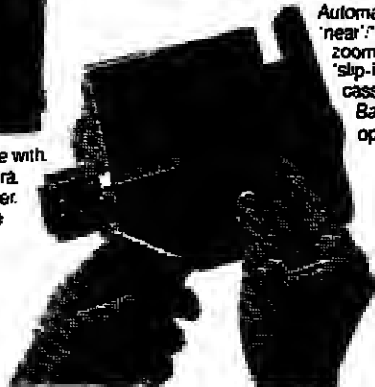
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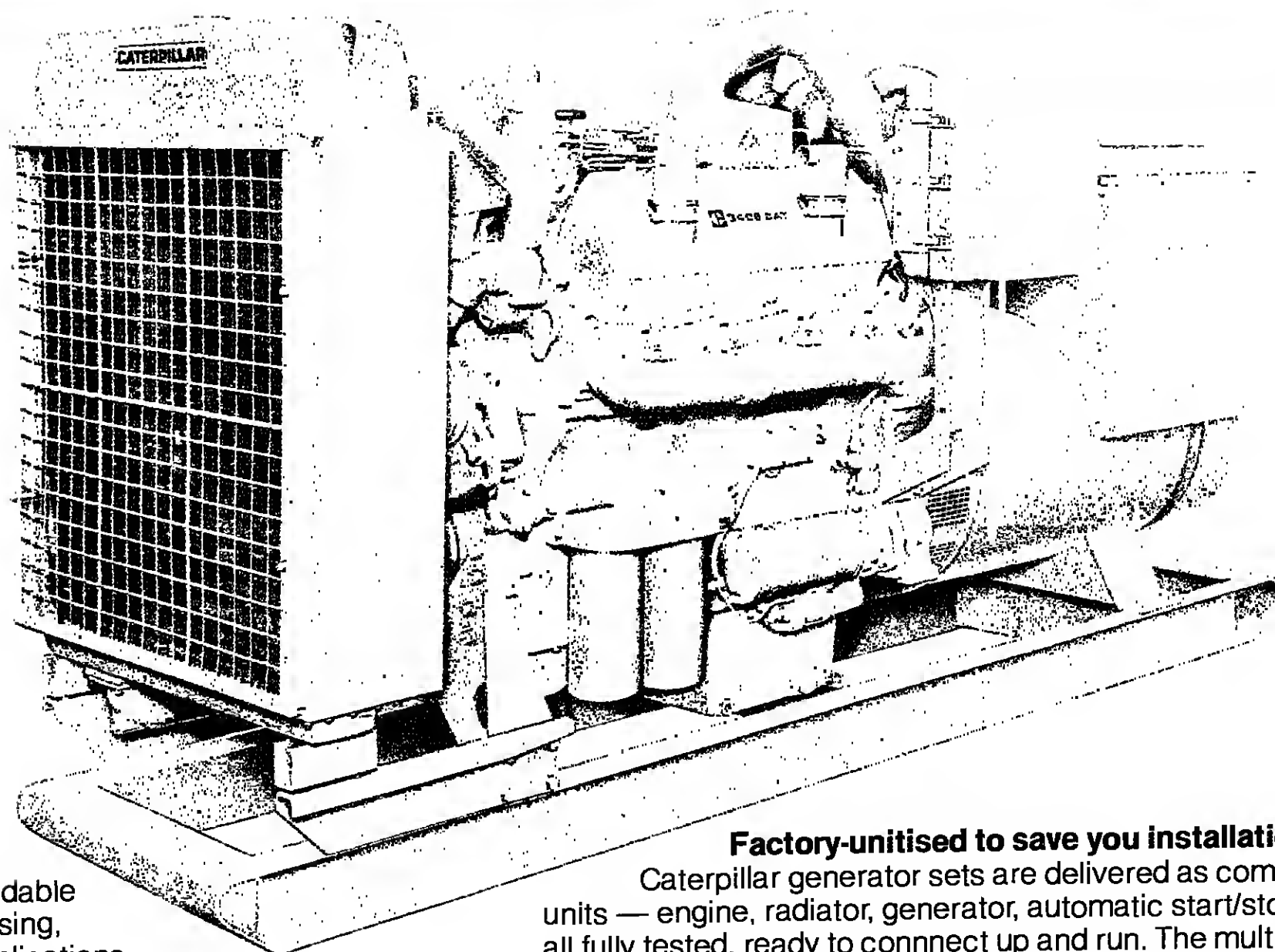
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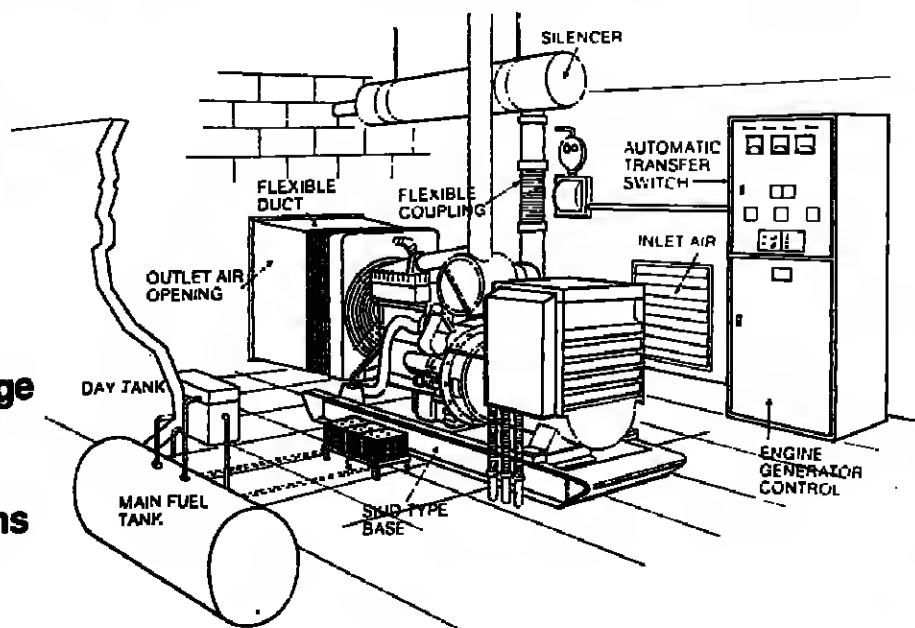
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A FAIR DEAL

No sooner had President Carter complained that the Egyptian and Israeli negotiators in Washington were making new demands and reneging on agreed points than President Sadat sprung the surprise of demanding Gaza Strip back as an "Egyptian responsibility." President Sadat's remarks about the strip have come as a surprise and in a way gave credence to the American exasperation with the whole negotiating process.

According to President Sadat thinking the peace treaty with Israel to restoration of Arab authority over Gaza Strip is the "minimum" that he will accept if full linkage between the treaty and the future of the West Bank and Gaza Strip is not possible for the time being. He has made clear that he does not want to restore Egyptian control of the strip but rather establish Palestinian self-rule there as a first step toward a general self-rule, also incorporating the West Bank.

The trouble with demands of this type is that they are often unreal and are dismissed as such. The negotiating sides come up with 10 or even 20 demands of which only very few matter, again in varying degrees. Other demands are made for bargaining purposes—one side conceding a "point" in return for reciprocal treatment by the other side. The Egyptians and Israelis have been practicing this art of fictitious bargaining for weeks and the Americans have been playing the game well.

But it will not be wise to dismiss President Sadat's stance on Gaza as another passing bargaining position. His remarks will be understood best if they are seen against the backdrop of inter-Arab relations. The president is determined to prove to his Arab critics that he will not sign separate peace with Israel. The negotiations have been dragging on for weeks and have nearly grounded to a halt as a result of his determination to link the treaty to progress on the Palestinian issue. When he now talks about Gaza he can face up to his Arab critics and tell them that his government has succeeded in liberating the area that was formerly under its control and that it is now left to them—since they oppose his peace initiative—to liberate the other areas, mainly the West Bank, in any way they can.

For its part, the Washington administration is not impressed. It prefers to rely on the private communication conveyed by Vice President Hosni Mubarak who is now in the U.S. The last thing that President Carter would want to do is to settle all the outstanding problems between Egypt and Israel at the expense of Washington's relations with the other Arab countries. The administration strongly feels that general peace must include as many parties as possible and is consequently determined not to shut the door in the face of future Arab (non-Egyptian) participation. Reports from Washington indicate that the U.S. is proposing December as the start of the talks between Israel and the Palestinians following the signing of the peace treaty. This meets the demand of President Sadat for a time table but does not commit the Israelis to self rule in advance. The details will have to be worked out later. It is in the interest of the U.S. to make the peace formula as acceptable to the other Arabs as possible so it may be safely assumed that President Carter is seeking a fair deal for all.

SOVIETS AND ERITREA

Mengistu Haile Mariam, boss of Ethiopia, is visiting the Soviet Union for the second time since he violently took control. His talks with the Soviet leaders will presumably deal with further military support for his regime. He needs it now, preparing to launch another attack on the hapless Eritreans, despite the failure of the last one, which left several thousand dead on both sides.

Ethiopia is already a Soviet surrogate. The Dergue, the ruling junta, is beholden to the Soviet Union and is heavily dependent on it for arms stocks estimated at \$1 billion. The Americans, once Ethiopia's principal arms suppliers, have all but lost their influence.

The attack on Eritrea is bound to be made with Soviet weapons and Cuban soldiers. If it does not meet the fate of the last one, it will certainly cause more devastation and a greater number of casualties. The Eritreans, impoverished beyond imagination, homeless, sick and nearly defenseless against warplanes and napalm, are fated to suffer new and more sophisticated brutalities in the next few weeks.

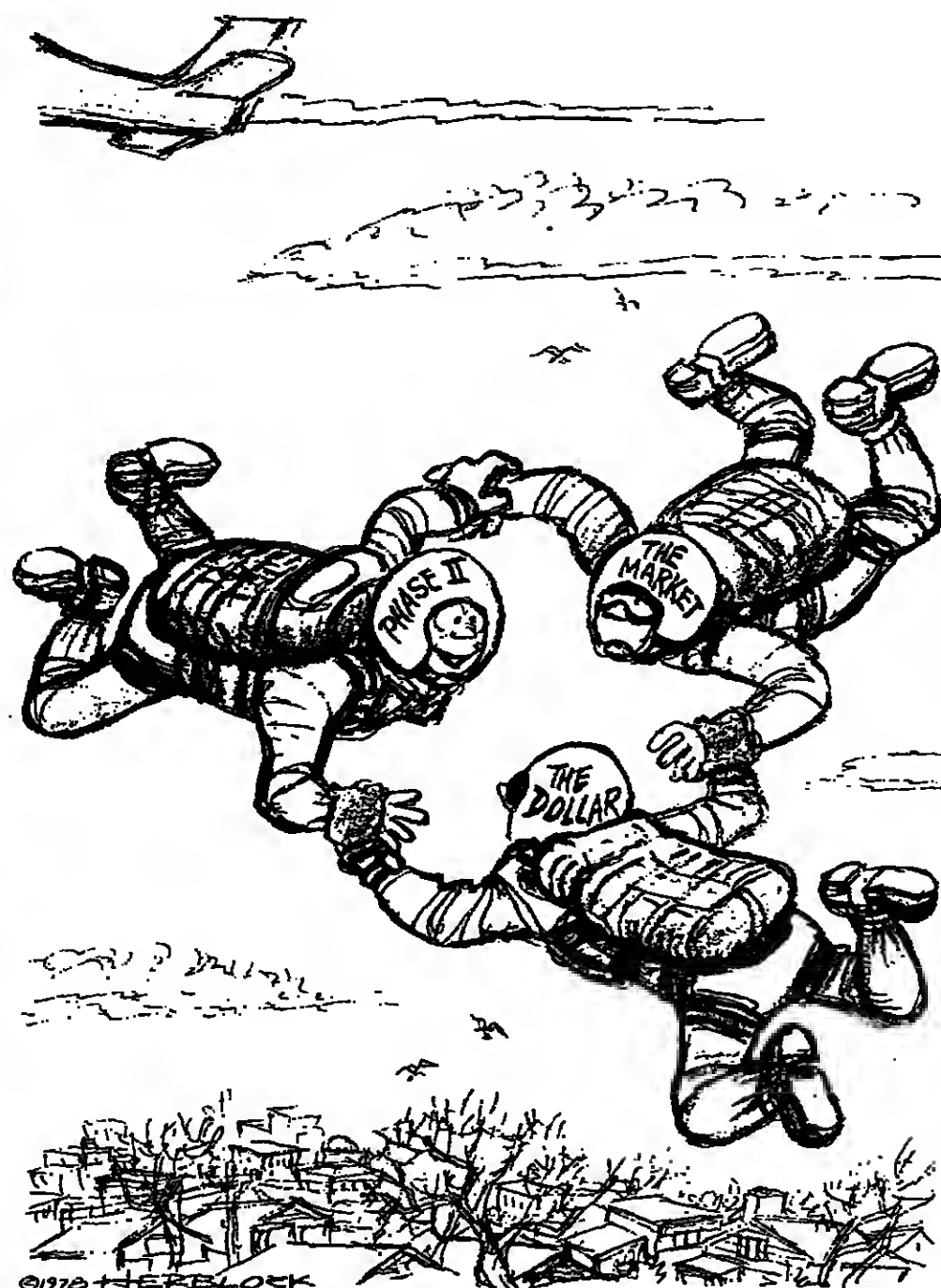
The irony of the Soviet position is that Moscow strongly and unequivocally supported Eritrean independence during the reign of Haile Selassie. Eritreans were supplied with arms through third parties and a steady supply of ammunition to harass the old emperor. At that time, the United States backed the emperor almost blindly and kept him well-stocked with hardware to counter the Eritrean insurgency. But while Addis Ababa has gained a new superpower supporter, the Eritreans have lost theirs. How long they will be able to stand fast in the face of renewed offensives, their own dissensions, severe drought and borders of refugees, is open to conjecture.

Similarly, the Soviet Union used to back Somali claims to the Ogaden but changed its mind when Mengistu seized power and threw his lot with the Soviets. While they played a crucial role both directly and through their Cuban stalking horse in defeating the Somalis, so far they have desisted from being prominently embroiled in the Eritrean conflict except as suppliers of arms and a few experts.

If the Soviet Union really cares to put an end to the Eritrean tragedy, it can still exert its considerable influence on the Dergue to accept the principle of negotiations with the Eritreans.

Like the Arabs in the occupied territories, the Eritreans will never acquiesce in Ethiopian hegemony. They have rejected it for the last 17 years, and they are not likely to accept it now, even if the Dergue wins the next round.

"WHEN DO THE PARACHUTES OPEN, FELLOWS?"



Dollar firming

By Andrew Horvat

TOKYO—Two weeks after President Carter announced a set of measures to defend the dollar, the American currency appears stable on the Tokyo foreign exchange market.

Hitting a record trading low of 175.50 yen the day before the Carter announcement, the dollar has been trading steady at just above 188 yen for the past three days.

For an explanation in simple terms of just how one foreign exchange market has responded to the President's move, AP talked to a number of prominent bankers, both American and foreign, stationed in the Japanese capital. The following is a collation of their answers.

Q: Who has gained and who has lost by the president's decision to act drastically?

A: In the short term, speculators who had gambled on the dollar's further decline lost a lot although dealers here say the news hit Tokyo late enough for people to protect themselves. With concerted intervention by the central bank using what some dealers call "guerrilla tactics" or hit and run—people have been discouraged from gambling on a declining dollar.

In the long run, everyone stands to benefit from the stabilization of the only effective currency of world trade. If the dollar indeed remains firm, oil producers may go easy on price increases planned for next month. If they are tough, all the gains could be wiped out.

Q: What was the response of the Tokyo exchange market to the Carter move?

A: The dollar went up even before the announcement because of a rumor that American and European monetary authorities were planning something. On Nov. 1, several hours before the White House announcement, the dollar began to climb by about three yen from a record-closing low of 176 yen. Few people suspected the Japanese central bank too would be involved.

Q: What happened after the initial shock when the dollar went up by five per cent in just one day?

A: Exporters began to test the resolve of the Bank of Japan, by selling dollars as quickly as they could. The Bank of Japan is said to have spent about \$1.25 billion in yen buying up American money.

Q: For over a year Americans were told that a cheaper dollar will solve all problems. Why did President Carter find it necessary to come up with a complex \$30 billion package to firm up the American currency?

A: A declining dollar meant that Americans were having to pay more for imports, and even though the U.S. trade deficit was showing signs of improvement, the value of the dollar had not begun to reflect changes in the U.S. trade pattern. On the contrary, with Americans spending more dollars on a declining quantity of imported goods, the cheap currency was fanning inflation.

Q: Why was the dollar not responding to the declining trade imbalance?

A: Nobody wanted to hang on to dollars as long as even the United States government was unwilling to commit itself on the matter of just how much its currency was worth. Once President Carter made a move to defend the dollar, people could feel confident that U.S. funds would be worth about the same amount

tomorrow as they are today. Until then, the trend had been to speculate on the value of the dollar.

Q: Why did the United States have to arrange for \$15 billion in swap lines? What have American monetary authorities done with the foreign currency they obtained in this way?

A: Swap lines represent loans of high-valued yen, West German marks and Swiss francs with which the New York Federal Reserve Board, the U.S. equivalent of a central bank, buys up loose dollars on the New York market. The central banks of other nations have co-operated in placing orders for dollars, thus causing a sudden demand for American funds.

Money, just like any other commodity, goes up in price if there is a demand for it. Q: Critics of the Carter package have said it may result in a recession. How can this happen?

A: Part of the plan calls for raising the prime lending rate and that means driving up interest rates a banks all over the United States. While this measure is calculated to attract dollars back into the United States, it will also make it more difficult for Americans to borrow money either for investment purposes or in order to buy on credit.

Q: If there is a danger of a recession, why has President Carter gone ahead with the plan?

A: The prospect of a recession is preferable to the combination of runaway inflation at home and currency unrest abroad. There are \$600 billion floating around throughout the world. This money constitutes almost 90 per cent of all the reserve currency of many countries and it is the only viable currency of foreign trade. (AP)

Q: Why did the United States have to arrange for \$15 billion in swap lines? What have American monetary authorities done with the foreign currency they obtained in this way?

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Money, just like any other commodity, goes up in price if there is a demand for it. Q: Critics of the Carter package have said it may result in a recession. How can this happen?

A: Part of the plan calls for raising the prime lending rate and that means driving up interest rates a banks all over the United States. While this measure is calculated to attract dollars back into the United States, it will also make it more difficult for Americans to borrow money either for investment purposes or in order to buy on credit.

Q: If there is a danger of a recession, why has President Carter gone ahead with the plan?

A: The prospect of a recession is preferable to the combination of runaway inflation at home and currency unrest abroad. There are \$600 billion floating around throughout the world. This money constitutes almost 90 per cent of all the reserve currency of many countries and it is the only viable currency of foreign trade. (AP)

saudi press review

"Thus news of stalled talks is the crux of the Israeli game to make the world believe that Israel has made concessions and that it is in fact the legitimate and rightful party. But the Arabs realize too well the aims of this game and this is what fair-minded people in the world should be aware of—the sorry state of the Palestinian people, the occupied holy Muslim places. The point is not that Camp David or Blair House or the illusory peace. It is a case of a homeless people, lands wrested from their rightful owners, occupied holy places."

"Olas" Thursday elaborated on Saudi policy which, the paper said, is based on a firm determination that no harm is done to the world economy and that this country is prepared to risk all to avoid such harm.

"The Kingdom believes that the economic well-being of the world is indivisible and is a whole which is affected by changes, fluctuations and supply and demand. Saudi policy has tried to contribute towards maintaining world economic flexibility and steering it away from serious fluctuations."

"Saudi Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani has all along been warning of an international oil crisis and the need for concerted efforts to meet and tackle such a crisis which will affect every family in the world. He has always called for

EMS approval likely

By Murray Seeger

BRUSSELS—Most of the countries of Western Europe are prepared to adopt a continental monetary system despite Britain's apparent reluctance to join.

Economic and financial authorities in several countries have raised serious questions about the proposed system, and have received no clear answers, but political leaders are preparing to sign the monetary agreement next month at a meeting of heads of government in Brussels. The final provisions are now being negotiated.

"The technical details are very important but they are not decisive," a top-ranking German official told a group of reporters last week. "It is more important to take this step now, while the political will to do it exists."

West Germany and France, the chief sponsors of the European Monetary System, have apparently succeeded in convincing all the European Common Market members except Britain to join at the beginning. And some countries outside the Common Market, notably Norway and Austria, have expressed interest in associating themselves with the system.

Rapid movement toward adopting the system has isolated Britain from its Common Market partners and underscored its reputation as the least co-operative member. Ireland and Denmark, which have close economic ties to Britain and joined the Common Market with her in 1973, have decided to join the older members of the community in the new system.

Roy Jenkins, the former British Labor minister and president of the Common Market Commission, chastised London for trying to delay formation of the system and for apparently deciding not to join at the beginning.

Jenkins was one of the early proponents of the system but the firmest initiative came from German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, supported by French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing.

Many observers believe that the German eagerness to get the system into operation is attributable at least in part to Schmidt's desire to score a major achievement during his tenure as chairman of the Common Market's Council of Ministers, which ends with the year.

But the system's sponsors say their goal is the creation of a "zone of monetary security" in Europe.

They would do this by linking their currencies in an arrangement similar to that already in effect among West Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Denmark and Norway, which are joined in what is known as the Euro-

pean snake.

Members of the European Monetary System, which wags are referring to as a big snake, or boa, would agree—as members of the snake have—on relative values for their currencies to one another.

The national bank in each country would agree to defend those relative values against outside speculators who might try to drive down the value of any individual currency.

Unlike the snake, however, the new system would be supported by a massive common fund that could be used to defend the individual currencies. The fund could be the forerunner of a European central bank, just as the system is seen by its supporters as the foundation for a single European currency.

The reason for haste in forming the system is the concern that trade on the continent is growing more slowly than world trade. The Europeans trade successfully with all parts of the world, but half of the Common Market members' trade is within the membership. Many experts believe that trade growth has been inhibited by wild fluctuations in currency values among the trading partners. Historically, countries that have found themselves priced out of the competitive market have reduced the value of their currencies, lowering export prices in the hope of regaining markets.

In the five years that currencies have been allowed to float in relation to one another, it has been demonstrated that official devaluations have little effect in improving a country's ability to sell in foreign markets.

In fact, only West Germany, the most successful trading nation in the Common Market, has revalued its currency upward in the last several years. And West Germany has the best record for controlling inflation.

The new monetary system would be, in effect, a Deutschmark bloc, since the West German mark is clearly the strongest currency to be included in the system.

Germany's partners in the new system are looking forward to protecting their currencies by tying them to the mark. At the same time, they believe the connection will force their own governments to take more effective action against inflation.

The worst combination for a trading nation is to have inflation at the same time its currency is rising in value, since both raise export prices.

It was this combination that forced Sweden to leave the snake agreement last year. Stockholm apparently is interested in joining the new system some time in the future when its domestic economy re-

gains stability.

Belgian Foreign Minister Henri Spaak, speaking in London recently, said the membership in the snake has required his government to follow a "stringent monetary discipline" but has helped to reduce inflation and keep international payments in balance.

During the recent worldwide recession, he added, Belgium would have been worse off if it had not been for its taking part in the snake agreement.

Although Germany's partners think their currencies will be strengthened by tying them to the mark, experts in Germany are fearful that the system will tend to import excess inflation into Germany.

The Bundesbank, the federal bank of West Germany, is especially concerned that it has to pay out huge sums of marks to defend weaker currencies its policy for controlling the mark's value will be undermined. If too many marks get into circulation, the excessive liquidity would upset the bank's careful formula for controlling the domestic money supply.

The German experts also are worried that development of the new system might further undercut the value of the dollar by encouraging central banks to replace their dollar reserves with the projected European currency, putting even more dollars into circulation.

Economically weaker members of the system, such as Italy, have insisted that the system cannot control currencies as rigidly as the European snake. Snake currencies are allowed to fluctuate no more than 2.25 per cent against each other.

The operation of the new rate structure is one of the details to be worked out. While too loose a structure would not serve the system's purpose, too rigid a system would return Europe to the fixed values that prevailed after World War II until free-floating started in 1973.

Many economists insist that the European Monetary System will not work until each member country has stabilized its own economy. Proponents argue that the system will help politicians put into effect economic stabilization policies they might refuse to advocate without outside pressure.

In Britain, critics have raised many unanswered questions about details. They fear that within the system they would lose their right to act independently and that the pound's value might rise too high and reduce exports.

The main opposition to the system, however, has come from the political figures who opposed Britain's entry into the Common Market and who blame the country's economic problems on its membership in the Common Market. (LAT)

U.S. presidential race begins

By Bruce Curry

WASHINGTON—The political spotlight in the United States has turned to the 1980 presidential election following the 1978 mid-term voting.

From now until the presidential nominating conventions in mid-1980, the big questions are: Who will be selected as the Republican presidential nominee? Who, if anyone, will challenge President Jimmy Carter within the Democratic Party? And how successful could the challenger be?

It promises to be a crowded race among the Republicans with as many as eight major contenders, and possibly more. Carter could be challenged by at least two formidable Democratic opponents, Senator Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts and Governor Ronald

Brown of California.

On the Republican side, all of the major runners whose names were on the mid-term ballot survived the November 7 elections. Senator Howard Baker of Tennessee won re-election by just under 60 per cent. This was an impressive victory. Baker is assured of retaining his post as Senate minority leader, making him the highest-ranking elected Republican in the nation.

He is considered certain to enter the presidential sweepstakes some time next year.

Republican Governor James Thompson of Illinois was re-elected to a new four year term by a landslide, establishing him as a possible presidential prospect. Illinois governors seldom win re-election by a wide margin.

Former Governor Ronald

Reagan of California was on the ballot, but he campaigned extensively for Republican candidates in the mid-term voting, as did former President Gerald Ford, ex-Secretary of the Treasury John Connally, Senator Robert Dole of Kansas and George Bush, outgoing U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations.

Reagan, who challenged Ford for the 1976 Republican nomination, has all but announced his candidacy for the 1980 nomination. He is the acknowledged front-runner among the Republicans, however. His age, 67, seems to be his major problem. His political position also may have been shaken by the election of new, and mostly moderate, Republicans to state governorships in the mid-term elections. (AP)

international action to restrict the uses of energy.

"This was affirmed by Prince Fahd's message to the pilgrims recently when he referred to the country's dedication to the world's economic well-being and its contribution to it through a balanced and stable oil policy."

Reviewing the history of the creation of Israel and Israeli policy since then "Okaz" Friday said Israel still refuses the establishment of a Palestinian state and withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories. "In this way, Israel wants to retain both the occupied lands and peace. This is unacceptable to the Arab world."

"Al-Medina" commented on the towing away of wrongly parked cars by the traffic police. It said while this should not be done except in certain compelling circumstances, owners of towed away vehicles are entitled to be informed of the whereabouts of their vehicles. Very often, it happens, the paper said, that owners do not know and are not told exactly when their cars are dumped. This happened during the pilgrimage in Mecca when the police had to tow away a number of cars to clear the way before thousands of cars and enable the traffic to move unobstructed. But until now owners of towed away cars have failed to locate them.

Excellence in recalling the genius of Arab civilization

"The Genius of Arab Civilization: Source of Renaissance," edited by J.R. Hayes, New York University Press, 1975. Price: SR 250.

By F. W. Rawding

JEDDAH — This very important book, a symposium of the work of a number of eminent scholars, will satisfy both the layman and the specialist and will serve as evidence, to go beyond any shadow of doubt, that the contribution of Arab civilization to human progress is one of enormous significance and grandeur.

The editor and contributors have created a richly composed, superbly illustrated and carefully printed work of art, a thing of excellence, a joy to behold and handle.

Like the "Sources of Tradition" series, which illustrate the cultural contributions of various branches of mankind, "The Genius of Arab Civilization" will find a place in oriental reading rooms in all the great universities. It would be a good investment, although the cost is considerable, for anyone from overseas living and working in the Arab world who wishes to be well read.

One of the characteristics of a cultured man is an understanding of the past. This is why whether the past be of his own family or nation or of neighboring cultures with which he has had long and fruitful exchanges.

The "Genius of Arab Civilization" is a timely reminder to his readers that, for far too long, the Arabs have been counted in the West and in recent years, political

and financial power has given a false emphasis and even a distorted direction to the essential purposes of their culture.

These purposes have been intellectually creative, adventurous and of an extraordinary breadth of imagination. Mere materialism was never found in it.

The dedication of this book to the late King Faisal, himself an outstanding leader of the Arabs, underlines the impression which the work imparts: the source of renaissance for the Arab world is less in oil than in the profound spiritual and intellectual origins of the culture.

In time, this may very well be found true in the West also, which has had longer to sicken of a surfeit of materialism than has the Arab world. In that event, it is likely that what the Arabs and the West have in common, in spirit and intellect, will be more important in uniting them than contemporary material rivalries which often set them against one another.

Varied contents

The book consists of an introduction, which explains the role of the Arabs in the foundation of Islamic culture, and seven principal essays dealing with literature, philosophy and history, art and architecture, the exact and human sciences, technology and trade. Finally, there is a conclusion which draws the historical threads together and suggests a way forward. Interspersed throughout the text, there are 24 monographs on significant people, places and things, which convey some idea of the great wealth of material available to the serious student pursuing Arab studies. There are 86 full color illustrations, some accessible for the first time in print. There are also two indices, notes on the



illustrations and a comprehensive guide to further reading.

The essay on literature is written by Mounah A. Khouri, professor of Arabic language and literature at the University of California at Berkeley.

Khouri suggests that the lack of a true appreciation of Arabic literature in the West arises from the tendency to identify the literature with the general history of the culture and its philosophy, and to ignore the creative achievement of the Arabs in poetry and the prose of belles lettres. The starting point, of course, is the special genius of the Arabic language itself, the semantics of which Khouri briefly describes.

The significant role which the poet played in the cultural evolution of the pre-Islamic Arab tribes is explained against the analogy of Homer among the Greeks and Beowulf among the Angli-Saxons. Khouri points out that, in spite of the comparative youth of the Arabic language, it has a surprisingly rich and extensive literature.

Once the forms of Arabic were sanctified for all time in the language of the Koran, relatively unchanged literary modes have accumulated over a span of 1,400 years. Khouri proposes six periods of literary production, all very rich, extending from the pre-Islamic (500-622)

to the modern renaissance from about 1800. Khouri treats each period in detail, illustrating his thesis with sensitive English translations.

A qasidah

Here is the journey part of a Qasidah, translated by A.J. Arberry: "my horse short-haired, outstripping the wild game, huge-bodied, charging, fleet-footed, head foremost, headlong all together the match of a rugged boulder hurled from on high by the torrent." This short piece evokes much the same feeling as the alliterative, sprung verse of the Anglo-Saxons of a similar period in history. Khouri draws nice parallels between the later poets of Arabia and Italian Petrarch and English Herrick.

The Abbasid period produced a flowering of Arabic prose from a need to render the language in less exalted forms. Some of this early prose was enshrined in amusing and didactic stories and moral dialogues between animals and birds. A variously educational, witty, sarcastic, profound and hedonistic literature developed which was contributed to by those peoples outside Arabia who had accepted Islam and Arabic as the main springs of their creative impulses.

Khouri's interesting analysis extends through the Hispano-

may very well be the special pleading of an enthusiastic scholar, but it gives a very good idea of an authority and confidence which is shared by all the principal contributors to this splendid book, six out of eight of whom are Arabs.

The short monograph on The Alhambra, Court of the Lions, is written by Oleg Grabar. This will greatly please anyone who has seen this most beautiful of palaces, especially in its golden, autumnal splendor against the blue, Andalusian sky and the white brilliance of the Sierra Nevada. The poet spoke truly when he said "No one has more misfortune than he who is blind in Granada."

Andalusia Oleg explains the historical

evolution of the Alhambra into the thirteenth-century royal city of the last Muslim dynasty of Andalusia. It is "a citadel within a city, so typical of late mediaeval Islam." Of what remains today, the Court of the Lions is, perhaps, the most indicative of the extraordinary sublimity of Islamic architectural forms. "Real, tangible architectural structures are arranged in such a way that creates fleeting, ever changing impressions." Carefully contrived contrasts in texture, form and color, pro-

ducing vistas of beauty. Oleg argues, can be interpreted either as an earnest of paradise or, equally well, as an assertion of the idea "That nothing made or seen by man is real, since 'There is no Victor but God'." "The Genius of Arab Civilization" is a most profound, exciting and awe-inspiring book encompassing a vast range of human knowledge and experience. No one who reads it as carefully as it deserves can fail to be moved, delighted and deeply informed.

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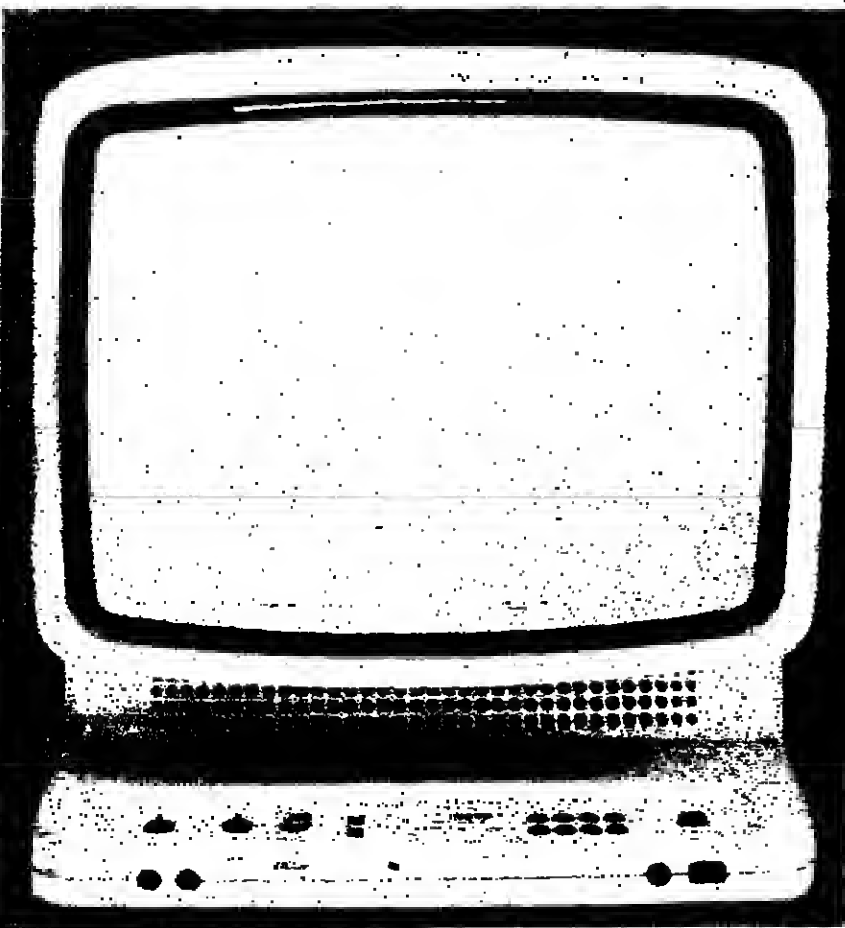
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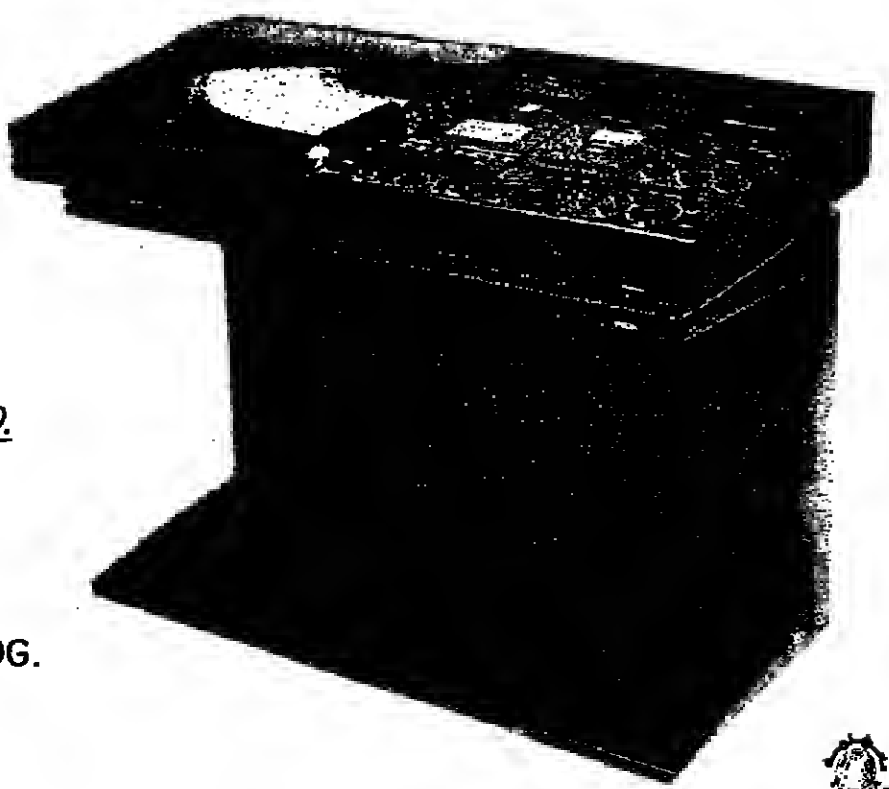


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Economy over ecology

By Larry Light

WASHINGTON — When Congressman James H. Quillen, R-Tenn., put the goldfish into his water pitcher during a House Rules Committee meeting, it was obvious that the Endangered Species Act of 1973 was in big trouble.

"It took a lot of you a while to spot the fish," noted Quillen as giggling spread through the room. "But that's understandable. It's just a little fish, about the size of a snail darter."

Quillen shrugged theatrically, playing the moment for all it was worth. "Now, I know snail darters do a lot of good, stopping dams and all."

The snail darter's victory over the Tennessee Valley Authority's (TVA) massive Tellico Dam in a June 15 Supreme Court decision was, to many in Congress, a stupefying absurdity. It signaled to them that the law, passed amid great fanfare five years before, had gone too far.

The court then ruled, 6-3, that the Tellico could not operate, even though it is virtually complete, because shutting its floodgates would wipe out the snail darter. The fish's critical habitat — the special biological surroundings it needs to survive — would be obliterated by closing the dam, thereby violating the 1973 law that forbids any federal projects from harming an endangered species.

A key chapter in the on-going struggle between developers and environmentalists, the decision was the major factor in Congress' amending the act Oct. 15 to permit exceptions. A seven-member Cabinet-level board would rule whether to exempt a project from the act by weighing the economic need for it against allowing a species to continue existing.

Breadth of law

In the view of many, it was bizarre that a federal law that protected such storied creatures as the grizzly bear and the bald eagle should be extended by the Interior Department — whose Endangered Species Of-

fice (ESO) designates which species are to be protected — to cover such obscure, seemingly insignificant species as mollusks, beetles and snapdragon plants.

"It might have been different if the bald eagle or the California Condor were involved," lamented Toby Cooper, program director of the Defenders of Wildlife. "That's how you got this smear campaign going against the Endangered Species Act."

To conservationists, every species is a vital component of nature. As Dr. Thomas Lovejoy, program director of the World Wildlife Fund, put it, the loss of a species "becomes analogous to throwing out a bolt fallen from an automobile because the vehicle still seems to be running properly."

Rare lifeforms give warnings of incipient dangers to humans and may be needed in the future to provide drugs and food in a disease and famine-ridden world, say environmentalists. Reproductive problems in falcons, for instance, showed that DDT levels in the ecosystem were mounting.

Environmentalists were concerned that the debate in Congress involved a number of overstatements from the pro-development side, eager to convince members that the existing act was an abomination.

"A lot of garbage misinformation was put out on the floor," said Michael J. Bean, an official with the Environmental Defense Fund.

Rep. David R. Bowen, R-Miss., for instance, incorrectly stated that a parking lot in Houston had been designated the critical habitat of the endangered Houston toad, thus demonstrating the "ineptitude" of the ESO.

In fact, the toad had been spotted in the area of the lot years before it was paved over. The ESO simply checked to be sure the rare amphibian was gone and never named the lot as a critical habitat.

The act's defenders argued that the ESO was not as arbit-

rary as the critics pictured it. Long, complex biological evaluations were performed on species to screen them for the endangered list, they said.

Keith M. Schreiner, ESO director, stressed that every effort was made to avoid conflicts with projects. He cited the example of the Furbish lousewort, an endangered plant that stood in the way of the Dickey-Lincoln hydroelectric project in Maine. The office arranged to transplant the two-foot lousewort elsewhere.

Controversy ahead

There are several smoldering controversies that haven't reached court yet and are likely to come before the new review board. The \$500 million New Malones Dam near Sacramento, Calif., may be held up if a spider, the harvestman daddylonglegs, is classified as endangered. A pending designation of the Columbia River in Tennessee as the critical habitat of several types of endangered shellfish and snails may thwart operations of the \$142 million Columbia Dam. And possible of 13 million acres of public land in Montana and Wyoming as the grizzly bear's critical habitat may scotch plans for coal mining, timber cutting and ski lodge building.

The 1973 act prohibited any federal action that might harm an endangered species. The act was changed in October to allow the Cabinet-level review board to consider permitting construction of federally funded public works projects, even though they might annihilate a protected species. The bill required that the economic consequences of listing an area as a critical habitat must be taken into account.

Controversy over the law most likely did not die with the 95th Congress. The ESO was granted only 18 months of funding authorization, instead of the three years originally called for, so oversight hearings will be held sooner on how the act is being implemented. Hearings are expected early next year. — (CQ)

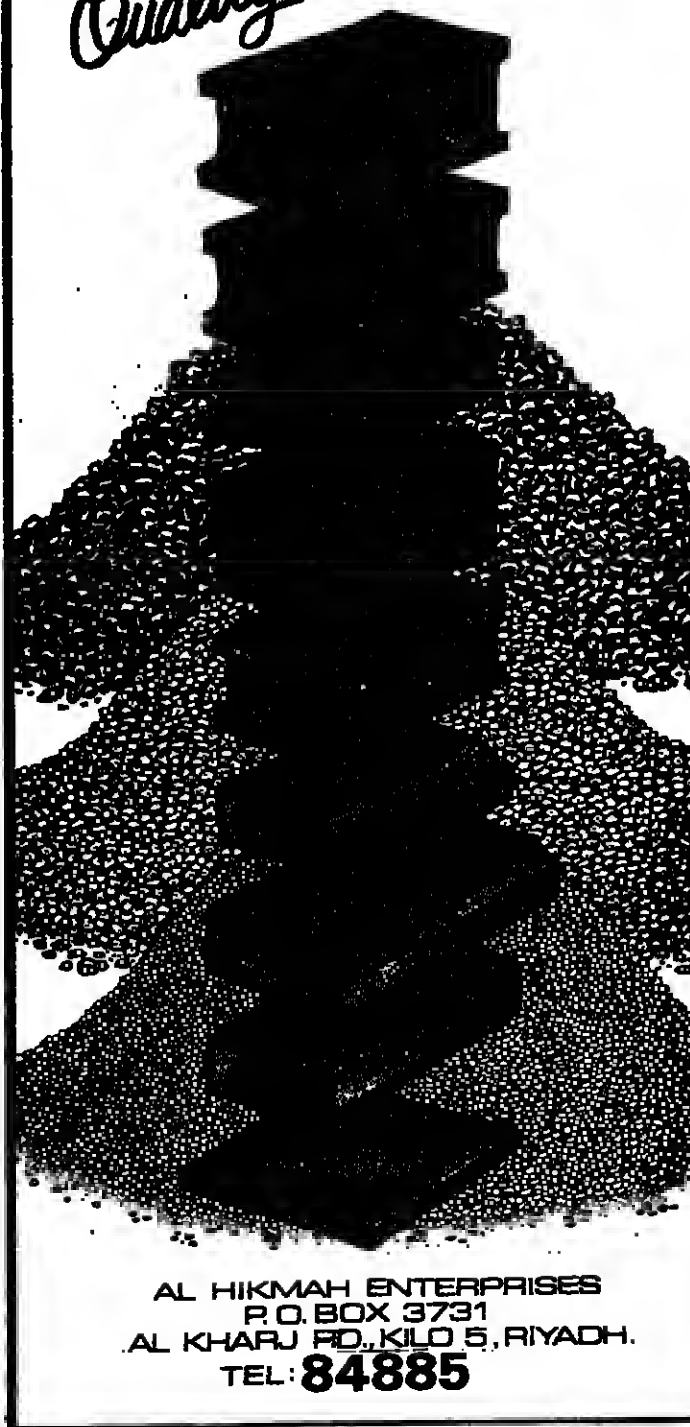


ALSATIAN TRAINING: A German shepherd climbs a barrier at Neuenstedtsau, West Germany, while preparing for customs duty. About 300 dogs now work with German customs officers to spot drug smuggling.

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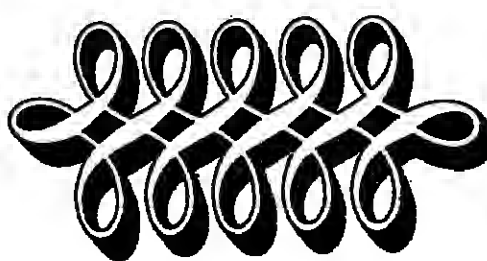
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Don't burn the bonds!

By Jerome Burne

LONDON — A new word entered the English language this year and already it looks as though some people will be making quite a lot of money from the activity it describes.

Scripophily means collecting defunct bonds, such as those issued by imperial China and Tsarist Russia either as straight government bonds or to finance railways.

Since the revolutions the bonds have either languished in attics and vaults as a testimony to the peridy of communism or have been used to make lampshades or to paper walls. There is one pub in London that has a whole wall

covered with defunct bonds. Some of them are still traded on the London Stock Exchange although they fetch fractions of 1 percent of their face value. Now, however, quite a number of bonds are worth considerably more as collectors' items than the amount for which they were issued and their value is rising.

For instance, the 1899 Moscow Windau Rybinsk 1,000 pounds, of which there are only roughly 200 in existence, was valued at 180 pounds in 1976, changed hands for 360 pounds in July of this year and was sold last month for 900 pounds (\$1,800).

This month, as a sign of

scripophily's coming to the first auction of bond share certificates is being in London by Stanley Gibbons, known by schoolboys world over as the stamp

Robyn Hendy, their real expert, dates his interest in the time a few years ago when his wife inherited some bonds which has been defunct

Then there was little to with them except frame and hang them on the

Now he is compiling the Stanley Gibbons catalogue in tiny office overflowing with exotic-looking bits of paper

(OFNS)

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
* Ministry of Education	Building of health units in Dhuba/Tabuk, first stage 78/79	xx	100	Dec.
* Department of Education, Qunfuzah	Repairs to a rural school in Qunfuzah	xx	100	Nov. 2
* Ministry of Defense and Aviation	Running and maintenance of the canteen of Military Secondary School in Qassim	xx	Free	Nov. 2
* Department of Education, Qassim	Repairs to some schools of the area	602/11/717	20	Nov. 2
* Municipality of Asyab	Securing of a vehicle with moving ladder for electricity department	26-96/97	300	Nov. 2
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5	ASUNARO	ALSAADA	GEN. CEMENT	13.10.1978
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7	KOTA ABADI	GULF	LOADING UREA	8.11.1978
8	UNKAI MARU	KANOO	GEN. TRUCKS	14.11.1978
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ARGOLIKOS	SOEASIA	GEN. TRUCKS	MOBILE HOMES	15/11/1978
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Anti-Boer newspaper faces court for story on Pretoria scandal

JOHANNESBURG, Nov. 17 (R) — South Africa's leading English-language newspaper, the "Rand Daily Mail," is to be charged with contempt over a story on the Republic's current scandal concerning the alleged misuse of government funds.

Court officials reported Friday that an action for contempt of the judicial inquiry into the scandal would be heard by a Johannesburg magistrate next Thursday.

The "Mail," which generally takes an anti-government editorial line, reported earlier Friday that a summons had been served on editor Allister Sparks and deputy financial editor Hamish Fraser.

Two days ago the "Mail" carried a front-page story by Fraser saying that 27 million rand (about \$31 million) of government money may have been committed to launching and running the pro-government "Citizen."

Regulations governing the judicial inquiry state that "no person shall publish or com-

Fireman killed in Belfast warehouse bomb

BELFAST, Nov. 17 (AP) — A warehouse fire started by a terrorist bomb has killed a fireman and injured four others when goods stored there exploded.

It was the third day of a bombing spree the IRA said was to foil a British attempt to attract American investment to the province.

An attack on a West Belfast packaging company caused no injuries.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for Thursday's bombings, but suspicion fell on the Provisional IRA.

Thorpe hearing opens Monday

LONDON, Nov. 17 (R) — Jeremy Thorpe, stylish politician who once led Britain's Liberal Party, steps into the dock of a West Country court on Monday for proceedings which will decide whether he should stand trial for an alleged murder plot.

It is the highest political scandal in Britain for many years. The charges are the most serious to be laid against a Member of Parliament in modern times.

Thorpe, 49, who once seemed to preside over a revival of Liberal fortune, is charged with conspiracy and incitement to murder a former male model.

The model is Norman Scott, 37, who survived the alleged plot, and has since been living at a lonely house on moorland in Western England, where he looks after horses.

Thorpe strenuously denies the charges against him.

Standing with him in the dock of the tiny red-brick court in the Somerset town of Minehead will be three other men: David Holmes, 47, former deputy treasurer of the Liberal Party, John Le Mesurier, 4, a businessman, and George Deakin, a night club proprietor from South Wales.

They were all charged on Aug. 4 "that on divers days between the first of October



Jeremy Thorpe

1968 and the first of November 1977 in the County of Devon and elsewhere you conspired together and with others to murder Norman Scott."

Thorpe faces an additional charge of inciting Holmes to murder Scott. The hearing is expected to last two or three weeks. Prosecution witnesses will include Peter Bessell, 57, a former Liberal Member of Parliament, who flew to Britain from his California home earlier this week.

At the insistence of his constituents, Thorpe has remained as member for North Devon since being charged. He has behaved with panache, opening a flower show in his constituency and attending the Liberal Party's annual conference—despite snubs from some crawling colleagues.

Diluted media statement expected from UNESCO

PARIS, Nov. 17 (AP) — The United States and other Western delegations to UNESCO say they are nearing agreement with a large number of developing countries on a watered-down version of a controversial draft declaration on the mass media.

The Western group, after forging a common position Wednesday, spent an exhaust-

ing day of negotiations trying to marshal Arab, African and south Asian nations into an agreement to oppose the Soviet-initiated draft declaration.

This compromise draft, if it can be put together, will be considered an alternative to the original text that sets forth duties for journalists and contains references to government control.

Indira victory rattles members

Janata national conference jeers Desai

NEW DELHI, Nov. 17 (AP) — A serious division in the Janata Party was revealed when Prime Minister Desai, defending his 19-month-old government's performance, was jeered at the party's national convention at Ujjain, central India.

"If demolishing me helps the party, please do it," Desai told the boisterous meeting. "I shall consider it a service."

The sharpest criticism has been voiced by the party's left-wing, accusing the 82-year-old Desai of exercising his powers "dictatorially" and shielding his son Kantilal.

The recent by-election victory by former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi has apparently shaken some members' confidence in the leadership.

Answering charges of inaction, Desai said social and economic changes endorsed by the party in the 1977 general election campaign cannot be brought about immediately.

"Negative criticism was bad enough," Desai said. "If the party men also started doing it and running down each other, God help the party."

When one member demanded that an inquiry be ordered into the financial dealings of Kantilal Desai, an entrepreneur accused of influence-peddling, he shot back:

"You are possessed by an evil spirit — what you need is an exorcist."

He would discuss the allegations, but not at the convention.

The convention began Tuesday with a speech by party

President Chandra Shekhar who said it had failed to carry out programs promised in the successful 1977 election campaign.

He did not wish to continue in the post nor would he join the cabinet after an expected reshuffle.

A Janata member of parliament described the sometimes autocratic Desai as a "yogi and a commissar."



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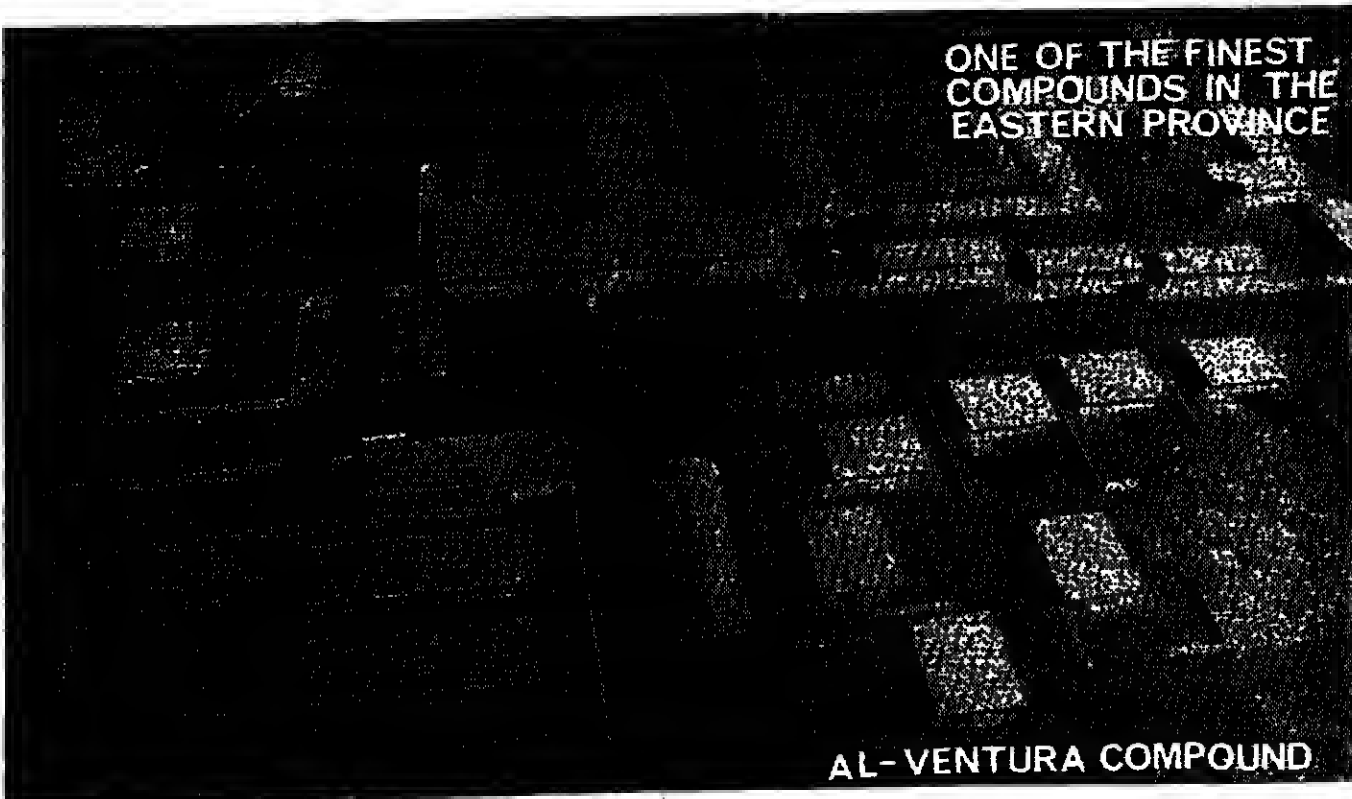
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U.S., Japan agree on \$10b program of energy research

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17 (AP) — The U.S. and Japan tentatively agreed on a \$10 billion cooperative program to find alternative energy resources, with initial emphasis on fusion energy and coal conversion, it has been announced.

A Department of Energy statement said Thursday that the "framework of cooperation" for the 10-year program was reached by delegates from the two countries during a three-day meeting which ended Thursday. An initial meeting was held in Tokyo in September.

The agreement requires final approval from the respective governments.

Aside from fusion energy and coal conversion, the areas of cooperation also would include solar energy conversion, geothermal energy and high energy physics.

The American delegation was chaired by Dr. John Deutsch, director of Energy Research for the Department of Energy. H. Miyazaki, deputy minister for foreign affairs, led the Japanese delegation.

U.S. to contribute to Third World fund

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17 (AP) — The U.S. government has agreed to consider direct contributions to a Third World "common fund" for commodity stabilization in hopes that the Third World countries will make significant concessions in return.

The government said Thursday that it has decided to be flexible on the question of direct contributions in negotiations with the Third World Group of 77 that began this week in Geneva.

The common fund is one of the Third World's major goals for reforming the international economic system.

They say the fund is needed to protect countries which supply raw materials and agricultural commodities from violent fluctuations in market prices.

In times of surplus, the fund could buy up excess goods to

prevent prices from falling. In times of shortage, the fund might sell its surplus and keep prices from rising too steeply.

The U.S. has prepared to work through a system of separate agreements between producers and consumers covering individual commodities. U.S. officials, speaking privately, said the feeling was that the industrialized nations would exercise more control over such a system than they could over one, general fund which might be dominated by Third World votes.

In return, the officials said, he U.S. wants assurances that the fund will not be used for development projects that would duplicate the work of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund.

They want to maintain some control by the industrialized countries over the way the fund money is spent.

Market comment

Special to Arab News
LONDON, Nov. 17 — One of the most dramatic movements in world markets this last month has been the spectacular fall in the price of gold, which at \$198 to the ounce is trading below the \$200 level for the first time since August. Indeed the fall from the only recently reached peak of \$245 an ounce has been nothing short of spectacular.

Obviously the speed and extent of the rise in the price earlier this year made the possibility of a reaction likely. Nothing ever goes up in a straight line for ever. It has to stop and when it stops there is usually a fall. Nonetheless the extent of the fall has taken many observers—and speculators—by surprise. The question now is whether the bull market in gold is finally over. In our opinion it probably is. We can see at least five reasons for this.

The first is that commodities as a whole are weakening quite significantly at the present time. This is a clear overall world trend and probably signifies a decline in world economic activity for 1979. Gold, although it has its special functions and its particular place in men's hearts, is still a commodity and in the last analysis it usually moves in the same price direction as other commodities.

Secondly, the dollar is now looking, if not strong, at least convalescent, following President Carter's latest package. During the past week it has been noticeably firm against the Swiss franc, the Deutschmark and the yen. Although it is far too early to say that the dollar has passed its low, the very fact that it is no longer falling sharply is of immense relief in world markets. Although gold cannot be regarded as an exact alternative to the dollar the fact remains that a lot of gold was bought this year by Americans and they are probably no longer in the market.

Thirdly, there is the published intention of the U.S. Treasury to sell a further great

slice of its own gold holdings as part of its support of the U.S. currency. This new supply will be more than enough to take care of the usual level of private demand for some while to come. It is a move which certainly has fundamentally altered the equation of supply and demand in the gold market.

Next, fourthly, there is the remarkable success on the part of the American authorities in removing gold from the international monetary scene. Although the virtual demonisation of gold is undoubtedly the prime reason why the world has been afflicted by growing currency disorders there is now very little chance, if any, that the central banks of the world will ever buy the metal to put into their reserves again. The International Monetary Fund is a seller. The less developed countries far prefer to be given increased withdrawing rights at the price of gold, the benefit of which would go (in their view) to the wrong countries. So that source of demand has probably ceased for all time.

The fifth and final reason is that movements in the gold market of the kind which have pushed up the price more than two-fold during the past years are self-feeding. As the price rises, more speculators are drawn in in the hope of profit.

Once the movement increases, the market quickly becomes friendless as operators remove their funds to where they can earn a reasonable rate of return.

However, in conclusion, it would be rash to say that there will never be another run-up in gold. As central banker once observed, in the opinion of at least 300 economists, gold is a barbaric relic: yet in the opinion of at least 3 billion people in the world it is still the ultimate store of value—the problem for the 300 economists is to convince the 3 billion people. So far, despite recent events, we guess they haven't succeeded.

Strike paralyzes Bombay port

BOMBAY, Nov. 17 (Agency) — Bombay dock workers walked off the job early Friday, paralyzing the nation's biggest port, and union leaders hope the strike spreads to other major Indian ports, the United News of India reported.

The Bombay Port Trust, which manages harbor facilities, said the walkout was near total. It reported that 53 ships were waiting midstream, another 44 left berths shortly before the strike and 11 remained in the dock area "at their own risk."

The All-India Port and Dock Workers' Federation, which called a nation-wide strike over various pay grievances, claimed the walkout also crippled Calcutta, Madras and Cochin ports. However, the extent of the industrial action was still unclear.

Port officials in Calcutta denied that cargo handling had been seriously disrupted and workers in Cochin decided to join the strike, UNI reported.

Despite a central government threat to call in the navy to keep the ports functioning, prime minister Morarji Desai told the national ruling Janata Party meeting on Thursday that there would be no "undemocratic" intervention.

Union leaders had called out 200,000 workers in 10 ports in support of their demand for higher wages and other claims including better working conditions and implementation of past agreements.

But the government declared that the strike, which faced government industry with losses of up to 900 million rupees (\$140 million) a day, was illegal under the industrial disputes act.

And three major national trade unions called on workers not to strike in view of an offer by Chand Ram, minister of state for transport and shipping, to settle their demands as quickly as possible.

Egypt to drop system of dual exchange rate

LONDON, Nov. 17 (R) — Leading official of the Egyptian Central Bank Friday was quoted as saying that his country will drop its dual exchange rate system on Jan. 1 when the much cheaper "parallel" rate of \$1.45 to the Egyptian pound will be used for most transactions.

The London-published weekly magazine Middle East Economic Digest (MEED) also reported that Central

Bank deputy governor Ali Negra had said that effective Jan. 1 the higher "official" rate of \$2.56 to the Egyptian pound would be used only for transactions with non-members of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). They include the Soviet Union.

But it was not clear how this would affect the repayment of Egypt's estimated debt of nine billion dollars to the Soviet Union.

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Pakistan regains edge with sixth-wicket 152

KARACHI, Nov. 17 (R) — An unbroken sixth-wicket partnership of 152 between Javed Miandad and Mushtaq Mohammad restored the initiative to Pakistan after India had snatched the advantage on the third day of the third Test here.

Pakistan, replying to India's first innings score of 344, lost four wickets this morning and had half its side out for 187. But Javed, 80 not out, and Mushtaq, 77 not out, remained undefeated through the remaining two sessions and took the score to 339 for five at the close — only five runs behind India.

Mushtaq, the Pakistani captain, hit seven fours and Javed smashed a six and seven other boundaries.

With the wicket still playing perfectly, Pakistan is now in a position to build up a considerable first innings lead. It should at least get the draw which is all it needs to win the series, in which it lead 1-0 with one match drawn.

West Indies tour
AP adds: The West Indies cricket team was bundled out for a modest 224 runs in the first innings of the opening match of its three-and-a-half month tour by India's Central Zone team at Indore Friday. But, the visitors hit back to

claim three of the home side's batsmen for only 29 runs before close of play.

The two Indian bowlers causing maximum damage were spinner Rajinder Singh Hans and Suresh Shastri who captured four wickets each.

The West Indies got off to a good start before a capacity crowd of 28,000. Openers Basil Williams and Alvin Greenidge put on 63 runs in 50 minutes before Williams fell to Hans. But Greenidge followed soon after, as did captain Alvin Kalicharan, the only batsman of international repute in the side, and none of the other bats played the spinners with any confidence, except for Larry Gomes who scored a patient 42.



PARTNER: Pakistan's Javed Miandad, who cracked 80 Friday to setup a sixth-wicket stand of 152 with Mushtaq Mohammad.

Knicks shave Cleveland

Lay-off cannot dull NBA'S Pearl

RICHFIELD, Ohio, Nov. 17 (AP) — Earl Monroe, known in the National Basketball Association as "The Pearl," added polish to his reputation Thursday night.

The 34-year-old guard for the New York Knicks, playing in only his second game since ending a contract dispute that kept him sidelined

through the first month of the season, came off the bench to spark the Knicks to a 97-93 victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers.

He tossed 12 of his 17 points in the second half to help New York erase an 11-point, third-period deficit and keeping them close until forward Toby Knight's basket in the final 1:20 of play sealed the victory.

In the only other NBA game Thursday night, San Diego nipped Golden State, 122-119.

The struggling Cavaliers suffered their 12th loss in 13 games, including six in a row — four straight at home.

The Cavaliers worked hard enough to build a 67-56 lead with 5:10 left in the third period. But Knight hit a basket to start the New York comeback and the Knicks came up to tie the score at 73 at the end of the period and take the lead for good, 95-93, on Knight's basket with 1:20 remaining.

Clippers 112, Warriors 109
Guard Lloyd Free scored 29 points and backcourt mate

Boca defeats Cosmos, 4-2

MAR DEL PLATA, Argentina, Nov. 17 (R) — New York Cosmos lost 4-2 to Argentina's Boca Juniors in the fifth and final match of its Latin American soccer tour here.

Boca's Perotti cut threw a loose Cosmos defense twice in the first 16 minutes and though West German midfielder star Franz Beckenbauer rallied Cosmos equalize through Giorgio (34) and Seninho (65), Boca pushed forward to snatch victory on goals by Zanabria and Salinas.

Drivers protest track dangers at Grand Prix

MACAO, Nov. 17 (AP) — Half a dozen top contenders for the 25th Macao Grand Prix threatened Friday to withdraw from Sunday's race because of what they call "highly dangerous track conditions" at the 3.8-mile Guia circuit.

Flying Tigers' racing team manager John Graham said abandoned race cars remain on the track and despite requests to have them removed during the Thursday practice session, the organizers are not doing anything about it.

Graham said his team, would not compete Sunday unless the organizers "become more cooperative."

He said Alan Jones, the Australian Formula One driver who is making his third bid to win the championship in a Chevron this year, "was fuming when he saw that the organizers are not heeding their complaints."

"Alan is the unofficial spokesman for the drivers, who are critical of the track conditions. He is out of the race as of now," Graham added.

"All the drivers are afraid of damaging their cars by those abandoned cars and even the best of them can make mistakes trying to get around them. I have talked to the organizers but they are not willing to cooperate at all," he said.

Glasgow soccer giants to meet

GLASGOW, Nov. 17 (AP) — The traditional giants of Scots soccer, Glasgow Rangers and Glasgow Celtic, were drawn Thursday to play each other in the semifinals of the Scottish League Cup. The game at Glasgow's Hampden Park will be a repeat of last year's final, when Rangers won, 2-1.

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McEnroe shines

Americans swamp U.K. event

WEMBLEY, England, Nov. 17 (AP) — John McEnroe, 19-year-old rookie of the United States Davis Cup tennis team, celebrated his selection by whipping Tom Okker of the Netherlands 6-2, 6-3, in the \$175,000 Benson and Hedges Grand Prix tournament Thursday night.

But Brian Gottfried, the other spearhead of America's bid for the cup, was beaten.

Stan Smith, a veteran Davis cupper, defeated him 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 in a serve and volley duel that finished long after midnight at the Wembley Empire pool.

Earlier in the day, McEnroe and Gottfried had been named for the singles places in the Davis Cup finals against Britain at Palm Springs from Dec. 8 to 10. Smith and his old partner, Bob Lutz, will play the doubles.

Outstanding
McEnroe, bursting with confidence, was the outstanding performer of a day that saw Americans claim six of the eight places in the quarter-finals lineup.

McEnroe plays Corrado Barazzutti of Italy and Smith faces Arthur Ashe.

Tim Gullickson and Sandy Mayer are paired in an all-

American clash and Dick Stockton plays another Italian, Adriano Panatta.

The Smith-Gottfried duel was evenly balanced until the long sixth game of the final set. After several deuces, Smith hit a fine backhand volley and broke through for a 4-2 lead.

Upset
Gullickson, right-hander of the American twins, sprang the big upset of the day. He fought

Spanish King wants big Cup

KIO DE JANEIRO, Nov. 17 (AP) — King Juan Carlos of Spain wants the number of countries in the 1982 World Cup in his country increased from 16 to 24. Joao Havelange, president of the International Football Federation (FIFA), said Friday.

Havelange told a news conference the King told him during a recent meeting in Madrid that it was his "personal opinion." A decision will be made in May of 1979 when FIFA hold a meeting in Spain, he said.

According to Brazilian officials, Spain has the facilities to organize the tournament with 24 countries taking part.

back from 0-3 in the final set to topple the No. 1 seed, Vitas Gerulaitis, 6-4, 5-7, 6-3.

Mayer brushed aside Mark Cox, a British Davis Cup selection 6-1, 7-5.

Barazzutti outlasted Ilie Nastase of Rumania, 6-3, 6-7, 6-3 in a match held up by arguments over line calls.

At one point in the second set Nastase began putting the cover on his racket and looked about to walk off court. But he calmed down and played on.

Davis Cup
In the English Davis Cup team, Cox will be joined by the Lloyd brothers, John and David, and Buster Mottram.

Tournament director Barry Mackay told a press conference in Los Angeles Thursday, "We promise one of the most exciting finals ever in the 78-year-old history of this international tournament."

Britain has not been in a Davis Cup final since 1936.

Tony Trabert, the U.S. non-playing captain said he expected Britain to offer strong competition. Britain reached the finals by beating Australia, the defending champion.



RONO: Records

Rono named best athlete

MILAN, Nov. 17 (AP) —

Kenyan long distance runner Henry Rono and East German sprinter Maria Koch Friday were named best track and field athletes for 1978 in a survey carried out by the Milan Sports Daily Gazzetta Dello Sport.

Rono set world records in the 5,000 and 10,000 meters steeplechase this year. Koch also a world record holder, dominated the 200 and 400-meter track.

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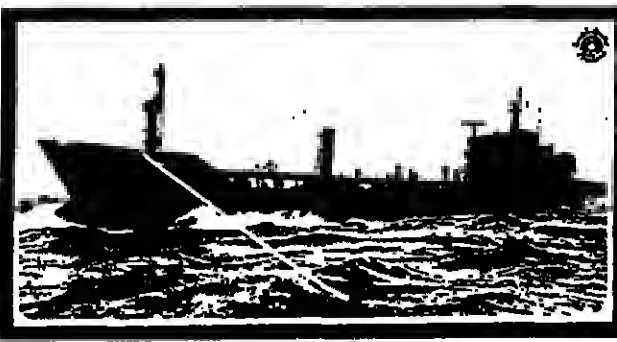
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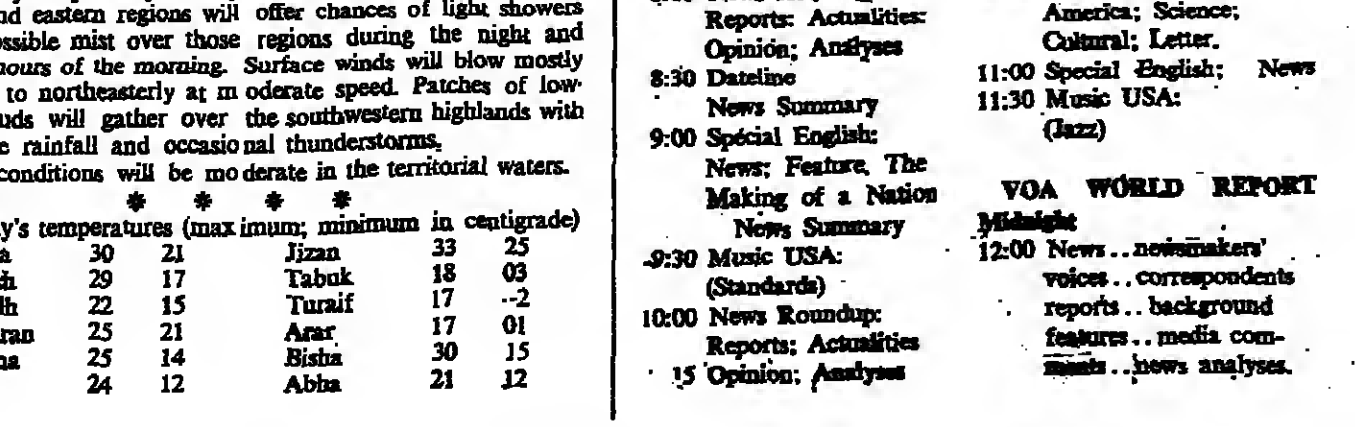
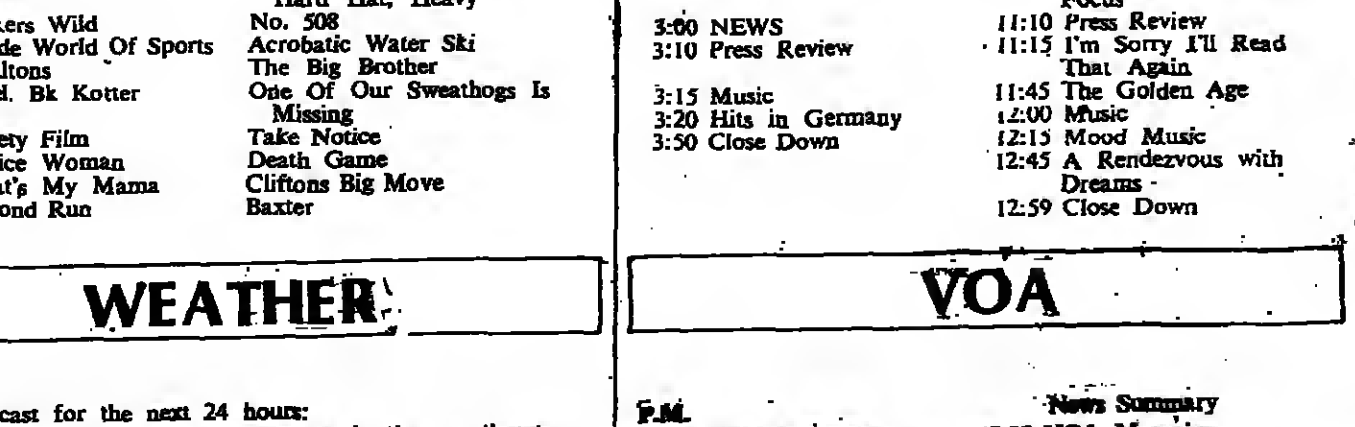
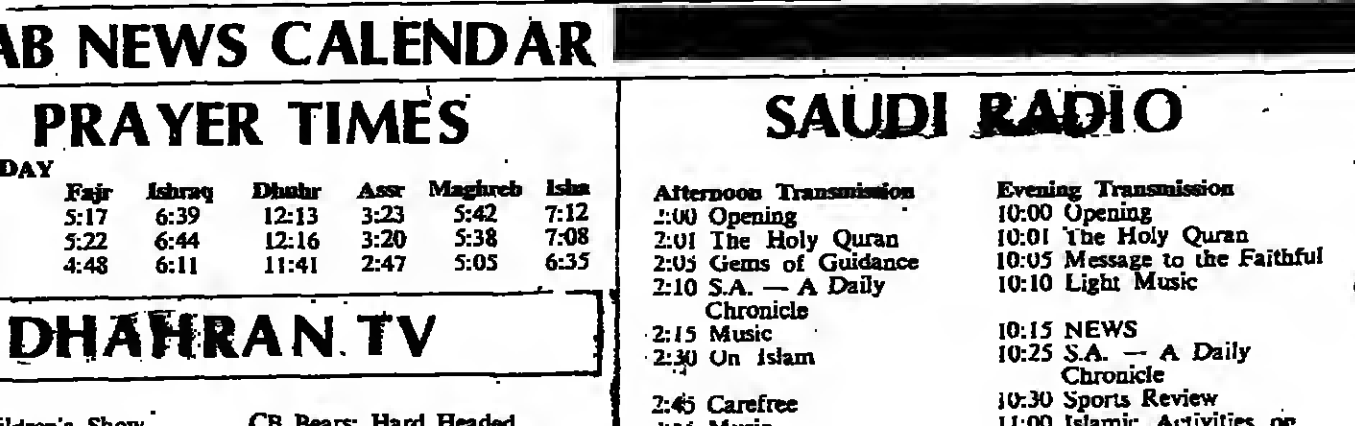
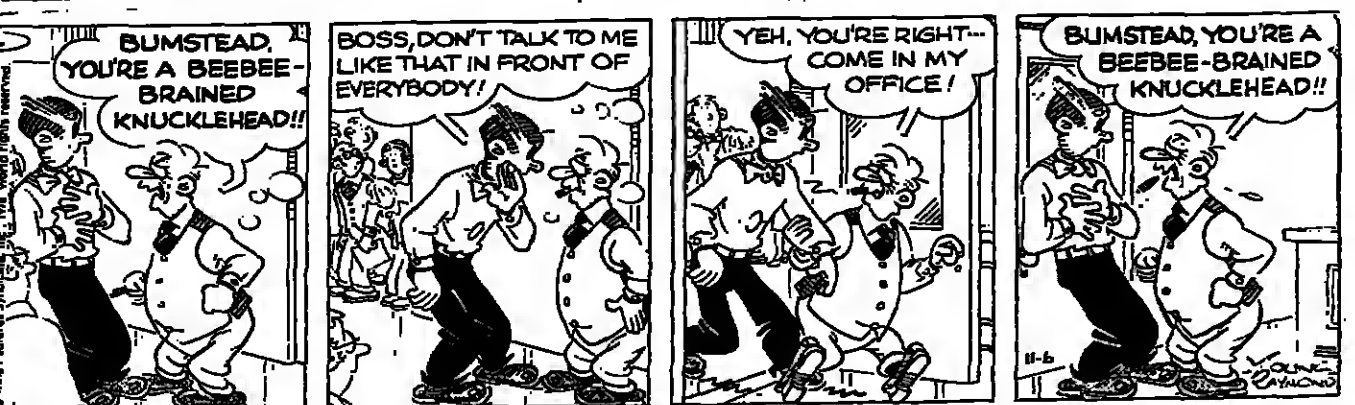
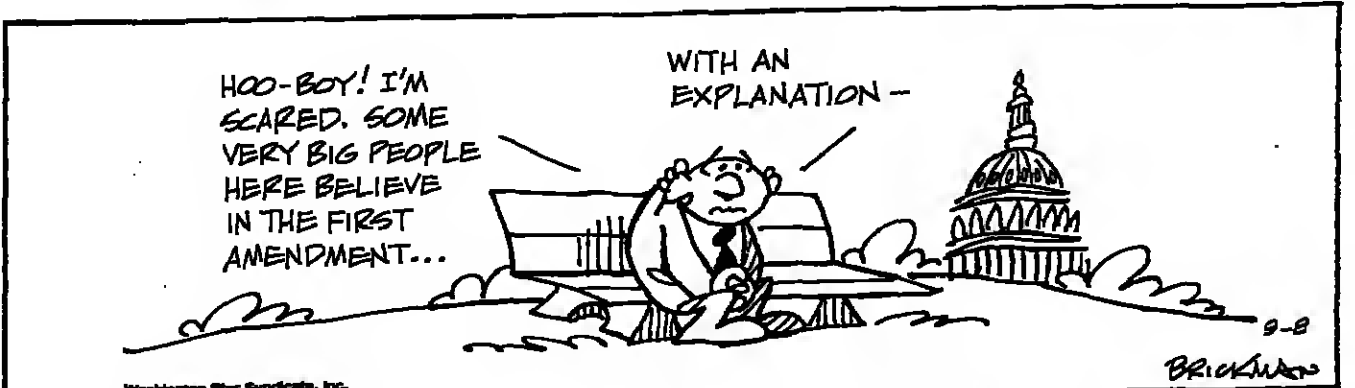
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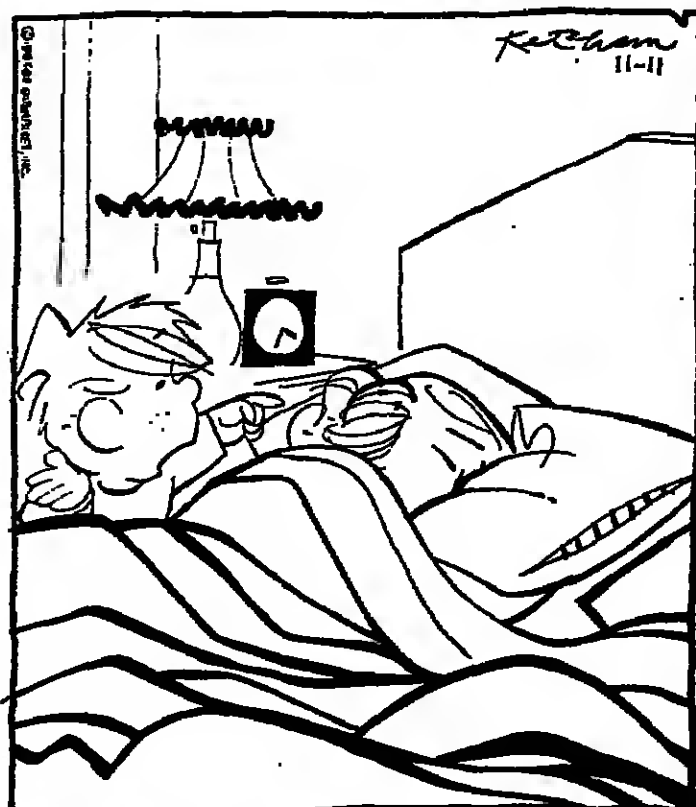
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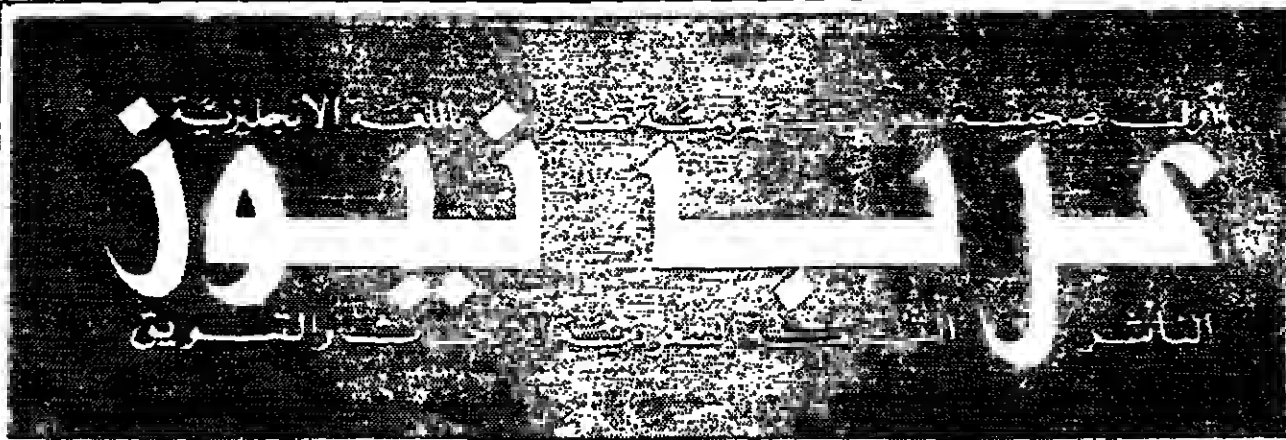
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Right-wingers march in Madrid at funeral of murdered justice

MADRID, Nov. 17 (R)—About 2,000 right-wing demonstrators Friday called for an army takeover in Spain in a noisy protest at the funeral of a Madrid magistrate shot dead by Basque separatist guerrillas Thursday.

The demonstrators chanted "army to power," "uprising" and "government assassins."

New S. African minister seen tempering apartheid

JOHANNESBURG, Nov. 17 (AP)—Within a week of taking office, South Africa's liberal new minister of plural relations has taken quiet steps that could alter the deteriorating course of this country's race relations. According to well-placed sources in Cape Town, Pieter Kooornhof angrily cancelled secret plans to begin the demolition of the Crossroads squatter camp on Monday. The threatened move had raised storms of protest in South Africa and abroad. In a speech in Johannesburg, the new minister said he would scrap the increasingly unpopular "plural relations" tag given his department by his predecessor, Connie Mulder. Kooornhof was Prime Minister Botha's surprise choice Monday to replace the powerful, ultra-conservative and scandal-tainted Mulder as head of the key government ministry charged with black affairs.

A man who earned a reputation among the most "verligte" or enlightened of government ministers when he was responsible for education and sports, Kooornhof's selection delighted white liberals and black leaders.

news organizations in the northern Basque region Friday the separatist guerrilla group ETA claimed responsibility for the assassination of Magistrate Jose Francisco Mateu Canove.

Mateu, 58, presided over the feared Public Order Court—one of the pillars of the Franco dictatorship—until it was abolished two years ago.

He was the 72nd victim this year of political violence in Spain.

ETA has killed about 40 people this year in its campaign for an independent Basque state.

ETA has claimed responsibility for only two assassinations outside the Basque country since it blew up Prime Minister Luis Carrero Blanco in Madrid five years ago. The last admission of responsibility was in August this year when two top army officers were killed, also in Madrid.

As Mateu's coffin, draped in the red and gold Spanish flag, was borne out of Madrid's central law courts, right-wingers raised right arms in the Fascist salute and chanted "Franco, Franco, Franco."

Grey-uniformed police, many in riot gear, moved into the angry crowd to escort government officials who left the funeral under a barrage of insults.

Demonstrators punched and shoved a left-wing lawyer, Antonio Rato, who defended Communist leaders Santiago Carrillo and Marcel Indurain in cases heard by the Public Order Tribunal.

Poikes stopped the scuffle and Rato left apparently unhurt.

The show of right-wing anger at the increasing death toll came three days before the third anniversary of General Franco's death.

Nkomo vows disruption of postponed elections

LUSAKA, Nov. 17 (R)—Joshua Nkomo's guerrillas said Friday they would thwart Rhodesian plans to hold one-man one-vote elections next April.



CROWNED: Miss Argentina, Silvana Suarez, was crowned Miss World in London Thursday night.

Economic aid seen paramount

Mengistu talks with Brezhnev

MOSCOW, Nov. 17 (R)—Ethiopian head of state Mengistu Haile Mariam Friday met with President Leonid Brezhnev on ways of strengthening ties between their countries and settling the conflict in the horn of Africa.

Lieutenant-Colonel Mengistu, whose country enjoys powerful Soviet backing, agreed with Brezhnev that relations could be further deepened "with concrete measures...in the political, economic, cultural and other fields," the official Soviet news agency Tass reported.

Western diplomats said they believed Soviet economic assistance to reconstruct Ethiopia's battered economy was the main object of Colonel Mengistu's Moscow trip.

But it was thought likely that the Ethiopian leader also had briefed Brezhnev on the offensive by his Soviet-backed armed forces against separatist guerrillas in the northern province of Eritrea.

While Colonel Mengistu is expected to press for increased Soviet support against the Eritrean guerrillas, the main aim of his trip is believed to be economic.

The Soviet side contained several economic specialists. They included Foreign Trade Minister Nikolai Patolichev and Economic Aid Chief Semyon Skachkov.

The Ethiopian delegation includes ministers for trade, finance and industry as well as Foreign Minister Feleke Gedle Giorgis.

Boat people reported to agree to move on

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov. 17 (R)—The 2,500 Vietnamese crammed aboard the freighter Hai Hong have agreed to leave Malaysian waters after taking on food and water, the semi-official Bernama News Agency reported Friday.

Quoting unnamed sources, it did not say when the ship would leave.

The Malaysian government would not confirm or deny the report and Western diplomats received it with some skepticism, saying the departure of the ship would not solve the problem.

Libya averted invasion threat, Qaddafi claims

LONDON, Nov. 17 (R)—Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi Friday was quoted as charging that an air-and-sea assault was about to be made against his country last month—and the armed forces staged maneuvers to deter it.

The Libyan news agency JANA added that Col. Qaddafi told officers during a visit to a military college Thursday that the aim of the attack was to have been the destruction of military camps and oil installations in Libya.

He indicated that units of the Libyan Armed Forces had carried out sea and air maneuvers as a deterrent, and said the assault might have been postponed, JANA reported.

JANA's report from the Libyan capital of Tripoli did not say what forces were to have carried out the attack and gave no further details.

Salman to open hotel in Riyadh

RIYADH, Nov. 17 (SPA)—Prince Salman, governor of Riyadh, is due to open a new hotel here Saturday. The hotel, Al-Khuzam, belongs to King Faisal's Philanthropic Organization and was built to provide regular revenue to finance its prizes and charities.

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Blumenthal

about SR 3.25 to SR 3.35, and has recovered even more dramatically in the speculative markets of Europe and Japan.

Blumenthal is expected to meet Crown Prince Fahd Saturday following the Joint Commission meeting, and to attend a dinner Saturday night hosted by Aba Al Khail.

The U.S. secretary has also scheduled appointments for Sunday with Finance Minister Aba Al Khail, Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency Governor Abdul Aziz Qurashi, Minister of Commerce Soliman Al-Sula'im and Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Ahmad Zaki Yamani.

Sheikh Muhammad and Blumenthal are expected to sign three project agreements at the Joint Commission meeting dealing with specialized manpower training, agriculture and transport. Other fields to be discussed at the meeting include the Solar Energy Research Agreement, the Kingdom's 25-year electrification plan and the Saudi Arabian National Center for Science and Technology.

Blumenthal's visit to Saudi Arabia comes four weeks before oil ministers of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) will meet to discuss prices and the continued use of the dollar in the world petroleum market. The Dec. 16 OPEC meeting set

for Abu Dhabi will be high on the agenda of topics for discussion during Blumenthal's Mideast visit.

The secretary will be stopping at Abu Dhabi, Kuwait and Iran during his current visit.

In his airport statement, Blumenthal said, "It is a great pleasure to be back in Saudi Arabia," and said he would extend the best wishes of President Carter for King Khalid's speedy recovery from recent heart surgery.

Blumenthal's first visit to the Kingdom was in September of last year, shortly before the OPEC ministers' conference in Caracas where oil prices were held at 1977 levels for the first six months of 1978.

Since that time, the value of the dollar has fallen precipitously on foreign exchange markets, resulting in a considerable income loss by OPEC members.

Blumenthal said Friday he would be discussing with Saudi officials the current state of the American economy. The secretary said earlier this month that President Carter's anti-inflation program and monetary measures "will prevent a recession" and allow "moderate growth of about three percent" in the American economy.

Four U.S. congressmen, three assistant secretaries of

the U.S. Treasury and a number of other U.S. officials are traveling with Blumenthal on his visit to the Kingdom.

The visiting congressmen are: Sen. Richard Lugar (R-Indiana); Rep. John William Stanton (R-Ohio); Rep. Henry Hyde (R-Illinois); and Rep. John Cavanaugh (D-Nebraska).

Egypt

down the seriousness of the differences but I again say Egypt, and certainly Israel, are interested in solving them," he added.

"Some of our problems have been exaggerated," Before leaving Washington, Weizman told reporters he did not believe the latest Egyptian proposals would be an obstacle toward reaching an agreement.

Egypt's Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs Osama Baz has said that the Egyptian proposals call for the establishment of self-rule in the Gaza Strip before the West Bank.

In an interview with the Washington correspondent of the Israeli newspaper, "Yediot Aharonot," Baz said Egypt was interested in assuring autonomy for residents in both areas, "but it will be simpler to set it up first in Gaza."

Most Palestinians in the West Bank, as well as Jordan, which controlled the area from 1948 to 1967, oppose the autonomy plan.

180 pilgrims

Douglas which built the DC-8, and the United States where the plane was serviced, would attend the inquiry.

It would be conducted according to regulations laid down by the International Civil Aviation Organization.

The plane's "black box"—the flight recorder and cockpit voice recorder—were recovered from the wreckage and Sri Lankan officials said they would send them to the United States for expert analysis of the cause of the crash.

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